MIZZOU
FOOTBALL

2007 MIZZOU FOOTBALL HONORS

» **Danario Alexander, WR (So.)**
Spring 2007 Team Most Improved Wide Receiver

» **Steven Blair, DL (Sr.)**
May 2007 Graduate

» **Castine Bridges, DB (Jr.)**
Spring 2007 Team Most Improved Cornerback

» **Pig Brown, S (Sr.)**
Spring 2007 Team Most Improved Safety

» **Tommy Chavis, DL (Jr.)**
Spring 2007 Team Most Improved Defensive Lineman

» **Brock Christopher, LB (Jr.)**
Pre-Season 4th-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele's)

» **Chase Coffman, TE (Jr.)**
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-American
(College Football News / Phil Steele's)
Pre-Season Hon. Men. All-American (Nationalchamps.net)
Nation's #2 Tight End (Phil Steele's)
Nation's #4 Tight End (Lindy's)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12
(Phil Steele's / Street & Smith's)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12
(College Football News / Athlon / Lindy's)

» **Adam Crossett, P/K (Sr.)**
May 2007 Graduate

» **Chase Daniel, QB (Jr.)**
2007 Maxwell Award Pre-Season Watch List
Top-25 Heisman Trophy Contender (Athlon)
Pre-Season Hon. Men. All-American (Nationalchamps.net)
Nation's #9 Quarterback (Sporting News)
Nation's #10 Quarterback (Phil Steele's)
Nation's #11 Quarterback (Lindy's)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12
(College Football News / Phil Steele's / Athlon /
Sporting News / Lindy's)

» **Will Franklin, WR (Sr.)**
Pre-Season 3rd-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon / Phil Steele's)

» **Tyler Luellen, OL (Sr.)**
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Street & Smith's)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12
(College Football News / Phil Steele's)
Pre-Season 3rd-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)

» **Chase Patton, QB (Jr.)**
Spring 2007 Team Most Improved Offensive Back
2006-07 Varsity M Student-Athlete of the Year

» **Jason Ray, WR (Sr.)**
May 2007 Graduate

» **Steve Redmond, LB (Jr.)**
Spring 2007 Team Most Improved Linebacker

» **Martin Rucker, TE (Sr.)**
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-American
(College Football News / Street & Smith's)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-American (Nationalchamps.net)
Pre-Season 3rd-Team All-American (Athlon)
Nation's #3 Tight End (Lindy's)
Nation's #4 Tight End (Sporting News)
Nation's #6 Tight End (Phil Steele's)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12
(College Football News / Street & Smith's / Athlon / Lindy's)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Sporting News)
Pre-Season 3rd-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele's)

» **Adam Spieker, C (Sr.)**
2007 Rimington Award Pre-Season Watch List
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-American (Phil Steele's)
Nation's #1 Center (Phil Steele's)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12
(College Football News / Phil Steele's)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's)
Pre-Season 3rd-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)

» **Stryker Sulak, DE (Jr.)**
Pre-Season 4th-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele's)

» **Tony Temple, TB (Sr.)**
Pre-Season 3rd-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)
Pre-Season 4th-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele's)

» **Darnell Terrell (Sr.)**
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele's)

» **Lorenzo Williams, DL (Sr.)**
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12
(College Football News)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)
Pre-Season 3rd-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele's)

» **Dain Wise, OL (So.)**
Spring 2007 Team Most Improved Offensive Lineman

» **Jeff Wolfert, PK (Jr.)**
Pre-Season Hon. Men. All-American (Nationalchamps.net)
Nation's #8 Kicker (Lindy's)
Nation's #10 Kicker (Phil Steele's)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12
(Athlon / Lindy's / Phil Steele's / Sporting News)

» **Monte Wyrick, OL (Sr.)**
Dr. Judy Wells Academic Achievement Award

» **TEAM RANKINGS**
18th – Street & Smith's
19th – Phil Steele's
26th – Sporting News
28th – Athlon
28th – Lindy's
33rd – Nationalchamps.net
1st in Big 12 North (Dallas Morning News / Phil Steele's)
#8 QB Unit in the NCAA (Phil Steele's)
#9 Surprise Team in the NCAA (Phil Steele's)
#10 Offensive Backfield in the NCAA (Lindy's)
#20 WR/TE Unit in the NCAA (Phil Steele's)
#27 OL Unit in the NCAA (Phil Steele's)

» UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI QUICK FACTS

Location	Columbia, Mo.
Founded	1839
Enrollment	28,253 (fall 2006)
Nickname	Tigers
Colors	Old Gold & Black
Home Field	Faurot Field/ Memorial Stadium
Capacity	68,349
Surface	FieldTurf
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Big 12 (North)
Chancellor	Dr. Brady J. Deaton
Athletic Director	Mike Alden
Website	www.mutigers.com

» FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

Head Coach	Gary Pinkel
Alma Mater	Kent State '75
Record at MU (Yrs.)	37-35 (6)
Overall Record	110-72-3 (16)
Football Phone	(573) 882-2214
Press Box Phone	(573) 882-7311

» 2007 SQUAD FACTS

Starters Returning	15
Starters Lost	9
Lettermen Returning	39
Lettermen Lost	20
Offense	
Starters Returning	8
Starters Lost	3
Lettermen Returning	20
Lettermen Lost	8
Defense	
Starters Returning	5
Starters Lost	6
Lettermen Returning	17
Lettermen Lost	11
Specialists (Kicker/Punter)	
Starters Returning	2
Starters Lost	0
Lettermen Returning	2
Lettermen Lost	1

» TICKET INFORMATION

Season Ticket Prices

2007 Season Tickets (General Public)	$266
Faculty Staff	$214
Family Fun Plan	$440
Tiger Zone	$199
Young Alumni	$160

Single-Game Ticket Prices	Reserved
Sept. 15 vs. Western Michigan	$35
Sept. 22 vs. Illinois State	$35
Oct. 6 vs. Nebraska	$65
Oct. 20 vs. Texas Tech (HC)	$55
Oct. 27 vs. Iowa State	$50
Nov. 10 vs. Texas A&M	$50

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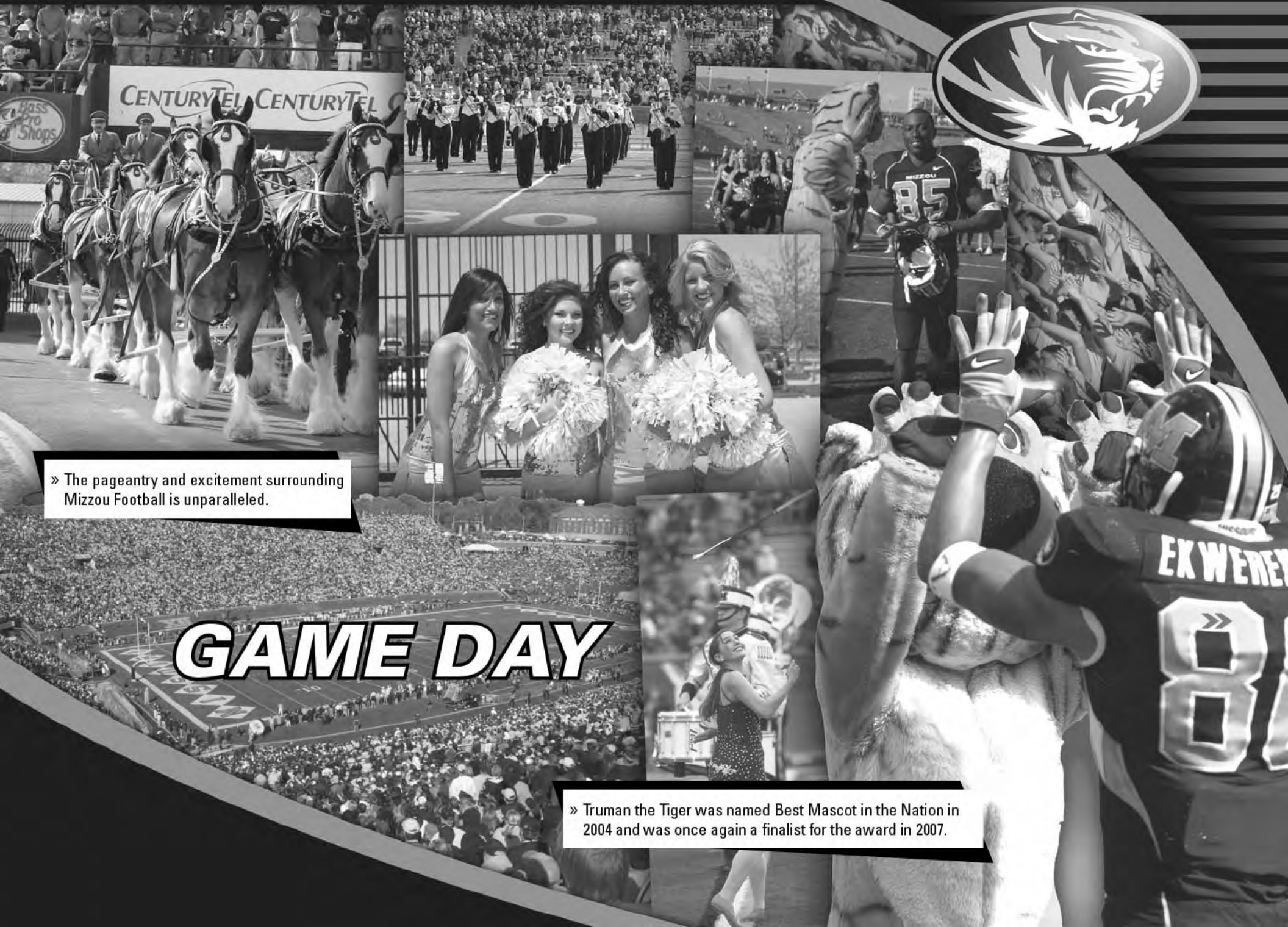


GAME DAY

» The pageantry and excitement surrounding Mizzou Football is unparalleled.

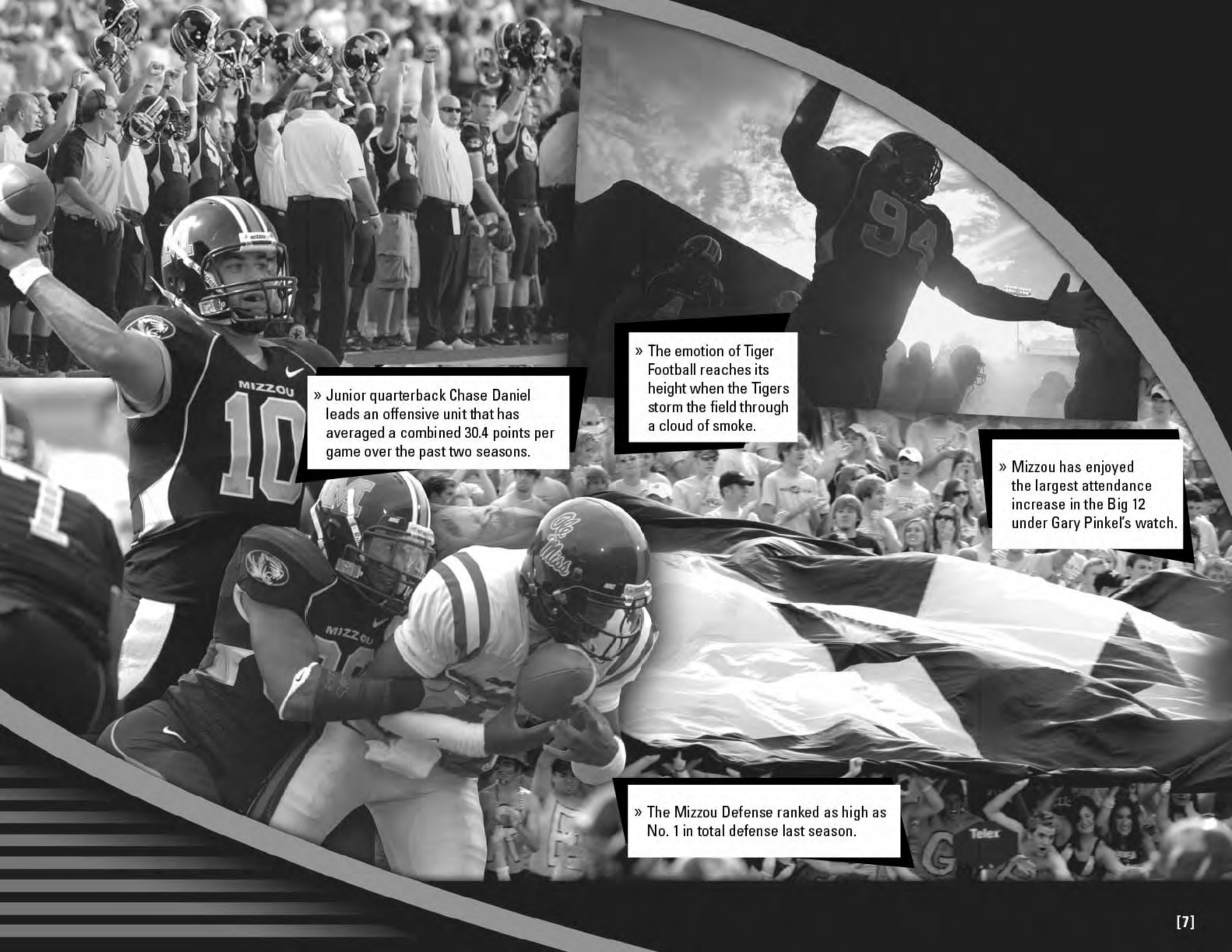
» Truman the Tiger was named Best Mascot in the Nation in 2004 and was once again a finalist for the award in 2007.

» The Tiger Walk is one of Mizzou's exciting traditions, as fans, spirit groups and the band lead the Tigers into Memorial Stadium.

» Mizzou's Cheer Squad has enjoyed six consecutive Top-10 finishes.

THE 'ZOU

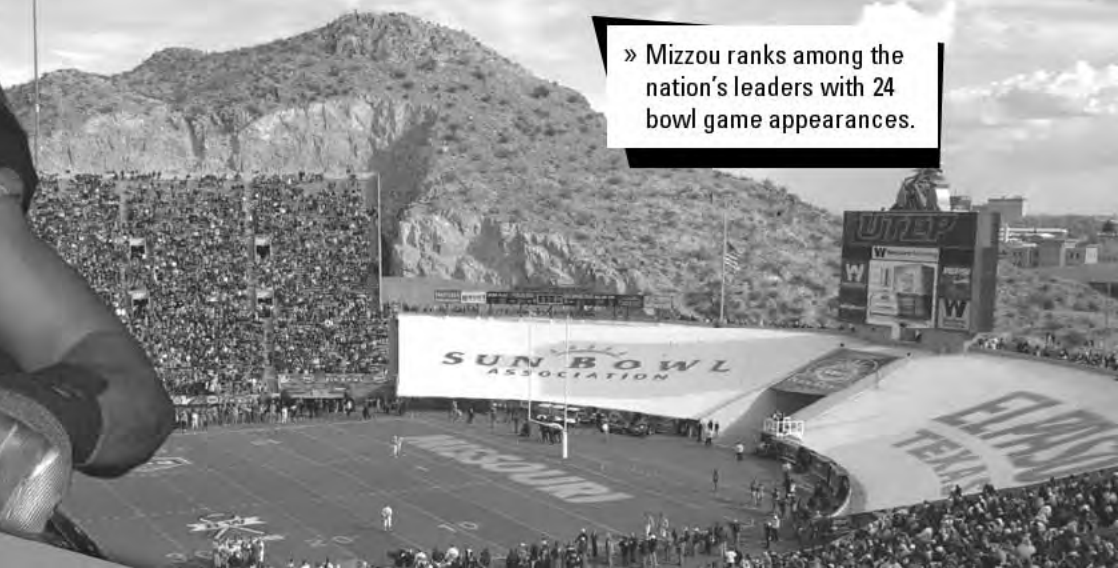
» Memorial Stadium / Faurot Field was named the best gameday stadium in the Big 12 Conference by The Sporting News.


» Junior quarterback Chase Daniel leads an offensive unit that has averaged a combined 30.4 points per game over the past two seasons.
» The emotion of Tiger Football reaches its height when the Tigers storm the field through a cloud of smoke.
» Mizzou has enjoyed the largest attendance increase in the Big 12 under Gary Pinkel's watch.
» The Mizzou Defense ranked as high as No. 1 in total defense last season.

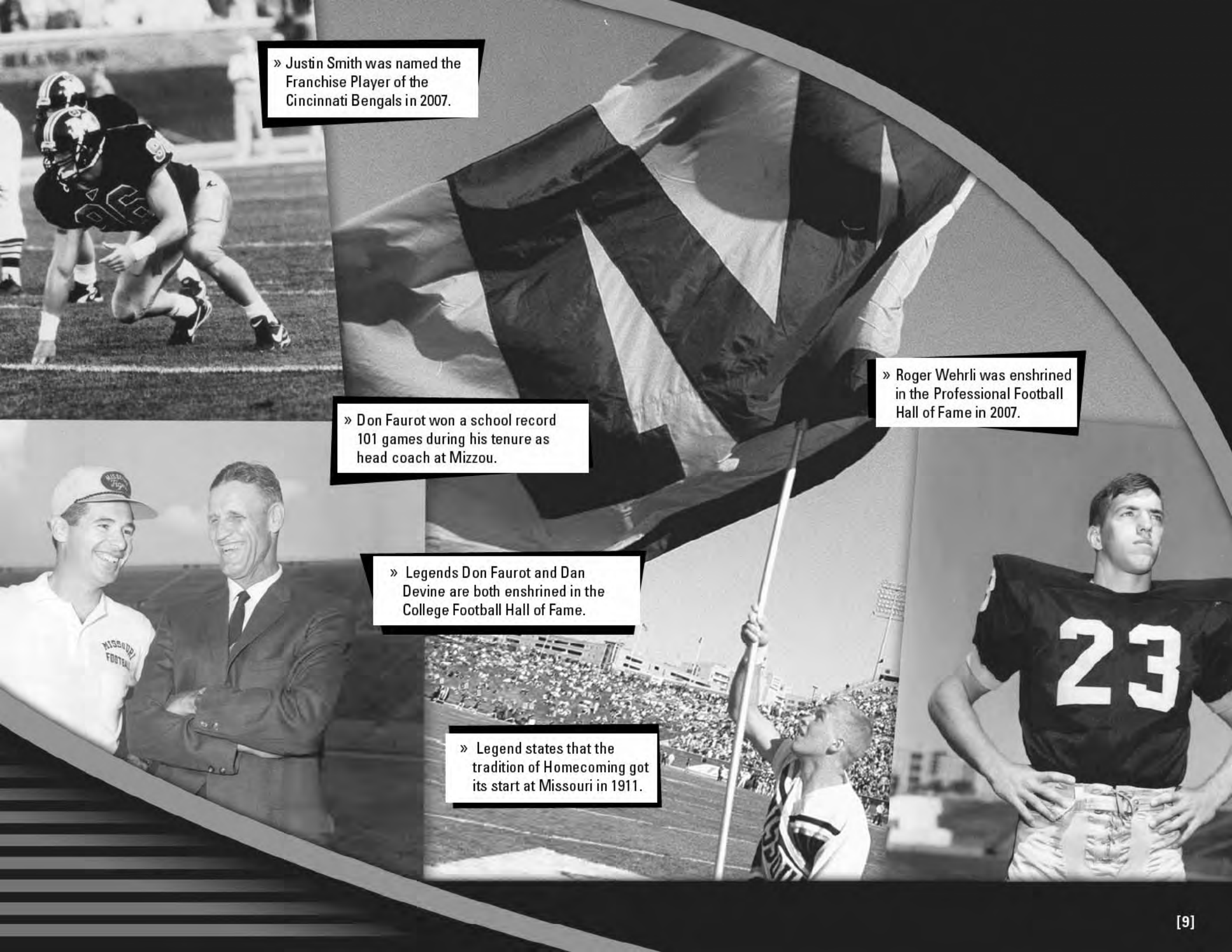
» Missouri's 24 post-season bowl game appearances is No. 2 in the Big 12 North.

» Mizzou has qualified for three bowl games over the last four seasons, which is No. 2 in the Big 12 North.

TRADITION



» Mizzou ranks among the nation's leaders with 24 bowl game appearances.



» Justin Smith was named the Franchise Player of the Cincinnati Bengals in 2007.

» Roger Wehrli was enshrined in the Professional Football Hall of Fame in 2007.

» Don Faurot won a school record 101 games during his tenure as head coach at Mizzou.

» Legends Don Faurot and Dan Devine are both enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame.

» Legend states that the tradition of Homecoming got its start at Missouri in 1911.

NATIONAL EXPOSURE

» Thirty-four of Mizzou's games over the last four seasons (nearly nine per season) have been shown on live television, giving the Tigers some of the best exposure in the nation.

» Nationally and regionally-televised games on ABC have been a regular occurrence for the Tigers, including four appearances on ABC last season alone.

» Mizzou has been featured prominently in Sports Illustrated, Sports Illustrated on Campus, USA Today and ESPN.com in the last six seasons under Gary Pinkel.

» Select Tigers from Kansas City and St. Louis were invited to both Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City and Busch Stadium in St. Louis to throw out their ceremonial first pitch in the annual I-70 Series of the Royals vs. Cardinals.

» Overall, Mizzou has been seen live on Fox Sports Net 33 times since the Big 12 Conference was formed in 1996, including 24 appearances in the last eight years.

COACHING EXCELLENCE

» Cornell Ford | **Cornerbacks**
Coach Ford's corner backs ranked No. 2 in the Big 12 in 2006, allowing just 185.69 yards per game through the air.

» Dave Steckel | **Linebackers**
Multiple Missouri linebackers have earned all-Big 12 Conference honors in four of six seasons under Coach Steckel, which ranks among the Big 12 leaders during that stretch.

» Bruce Walker | **Tight Ends/Asst. Offensive Line**
Martin Rucker and Chase Coffman are widely considered the nation's top tight end tandem and earned First Team all-Big 12 Conference honors last season.

» Andy Hill | **Wide Receivers**
Coach Hill was named one of the nation's premiere recruiters and evaluators of talent by Rivals.com in 2007.

» Gary Pinkel | **Head Coach**
Coach Pinkel is the 19th-winningest active Division I-A coach in the country (minimum five years), with his 110 victories entering the 2007 season.

» Dave Christensen
Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
After being nominated for the Frank Broyles Assistant Coach of the Year Award, Missouri Offensive Coordinator helped the Tigers average 425.62 yards per game in 2006, which ranked No. 8 nationally.

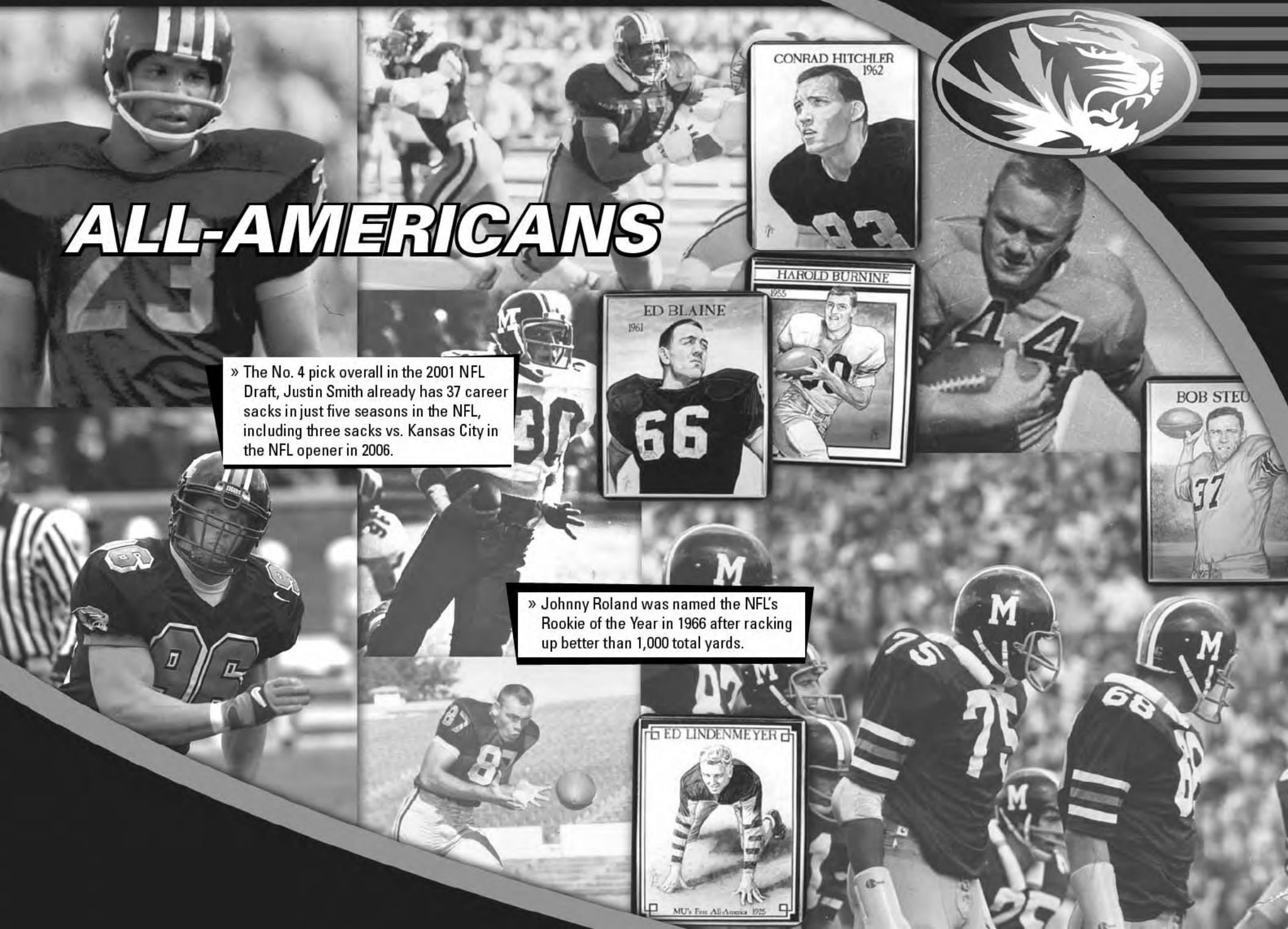
» Brian Jones | **Running Backs**
In addition to having the Big 12's top returning running back in 2007, Tony Temple, Coach Jones has helped the Tigers lead the Big 12 in rushing during his coaching tenure at Mizzou.

» Craig Kuligowski | **Defensive Line**
Coach Kuligowski's defensive linemen are among the Big 12 Conference's leaders with 14 all-Big 12 award honors since his arrival at Mizzou.

» David Yost | **Quarterbacks/Recruiting Coordinator**
Missouri quarterbacks have broken more than 80 Missouri, Big 12 and NCAA records under the tutelage of Coach Yost over the past six seasons.

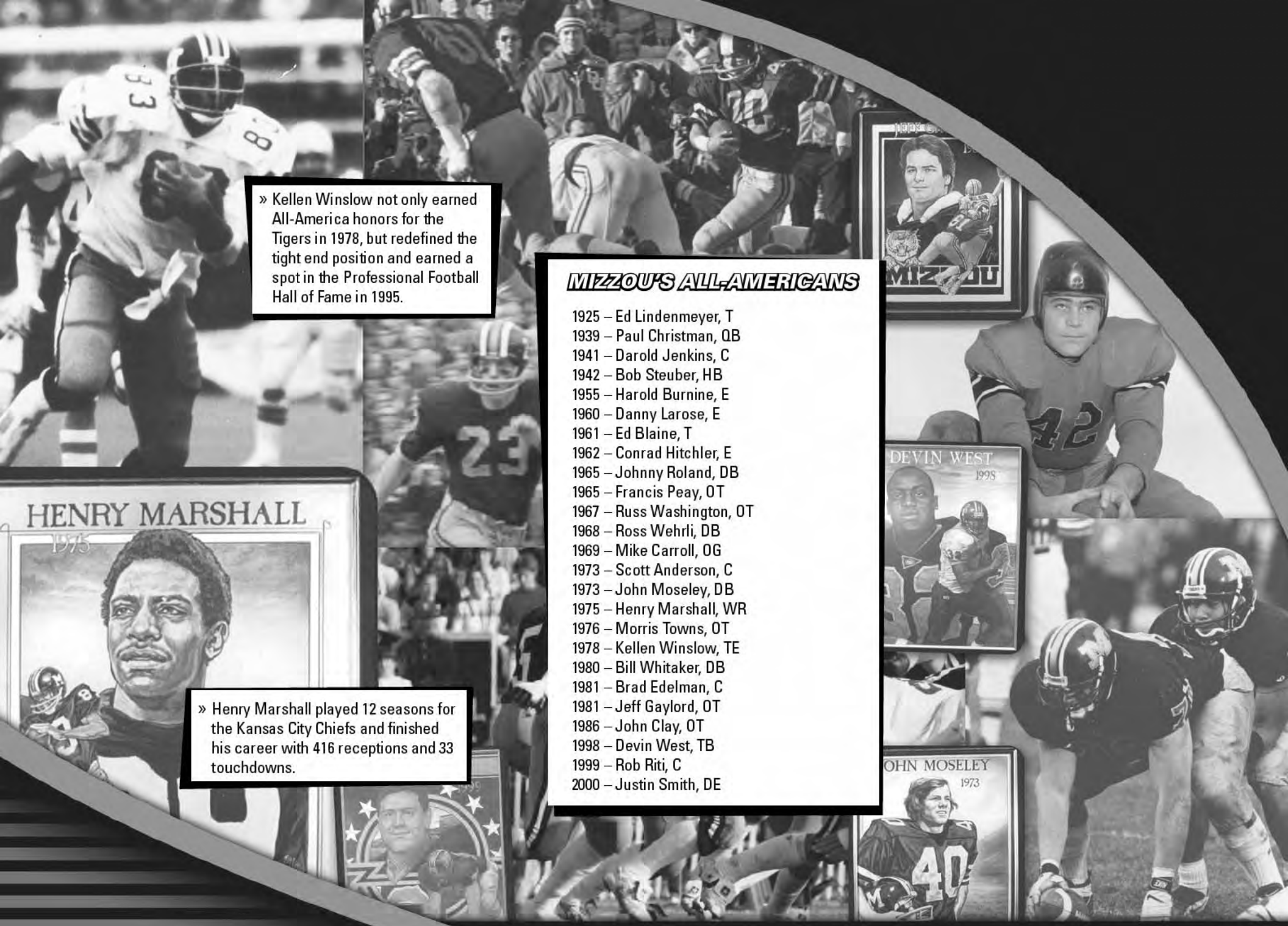
» Matt Eberflus | **Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Safeties**
Coach Eberflus has had defensive backs earn all-Big 12 recognition on six occasions over the past four seasons.

ALL-AMERICANS



» The No. 4 pick overall in the 2001 NFL Draft, Justin Smith already has 37 career sacks in just five seasons in the NFL, including three sacks vs. Kansas City in the NFL opener in 2006.

» Johnny Roland was named the NFL's Rookie of the Year in 1966 after racking up better than 1,000 total yards.



» Kellen Winslow not only earned All-America honors for the Tigers in 1978, but redefined the tight end position and earned a spot in the Professional Football Hall of Fame in 1995.

» Henry Marshall played 12 seasons for the Kansas City Chiefs and finished his career with 416 receptions and 33 touchdowns.

MIZZOU'S ALL-AMERICANS

1925 – Ed Lindenmeyer, T
1939 – Paul Christman, QB
1941 – Darold Jenkins, C
1942 – Bob Steuber, HB
1955 – Harold Burnine, E
1960 – Danny Larose, E
1961 – Ed Blaine, T
1962 – Conrad Hitchler, E
1965 – Johnny Roland, DB
1965 – Francis Peay, OT
1967 – Russ Washington, OT
1968 – Ross Wehrli, DB
1969 – Mike Carroll, OG
1973 – Scott Anderson, C
1973 – John Moseley, DB
1975 – Henry Marshall, WR
1976 – Morris Towns, OT
1978 – Kellen Winslow, TE
1980 – Bill Whitaker, DB
1981 – Brad Edelman, C
1981 – Jeff Gaylord, OT
1986 – John Clay, OT
1998 – Devin West, TB
1999 – Rob Riti, C
2000 – Justin Smith, DE

FACILITIES

» **Steven Blair**
Senior Defensive Lineman

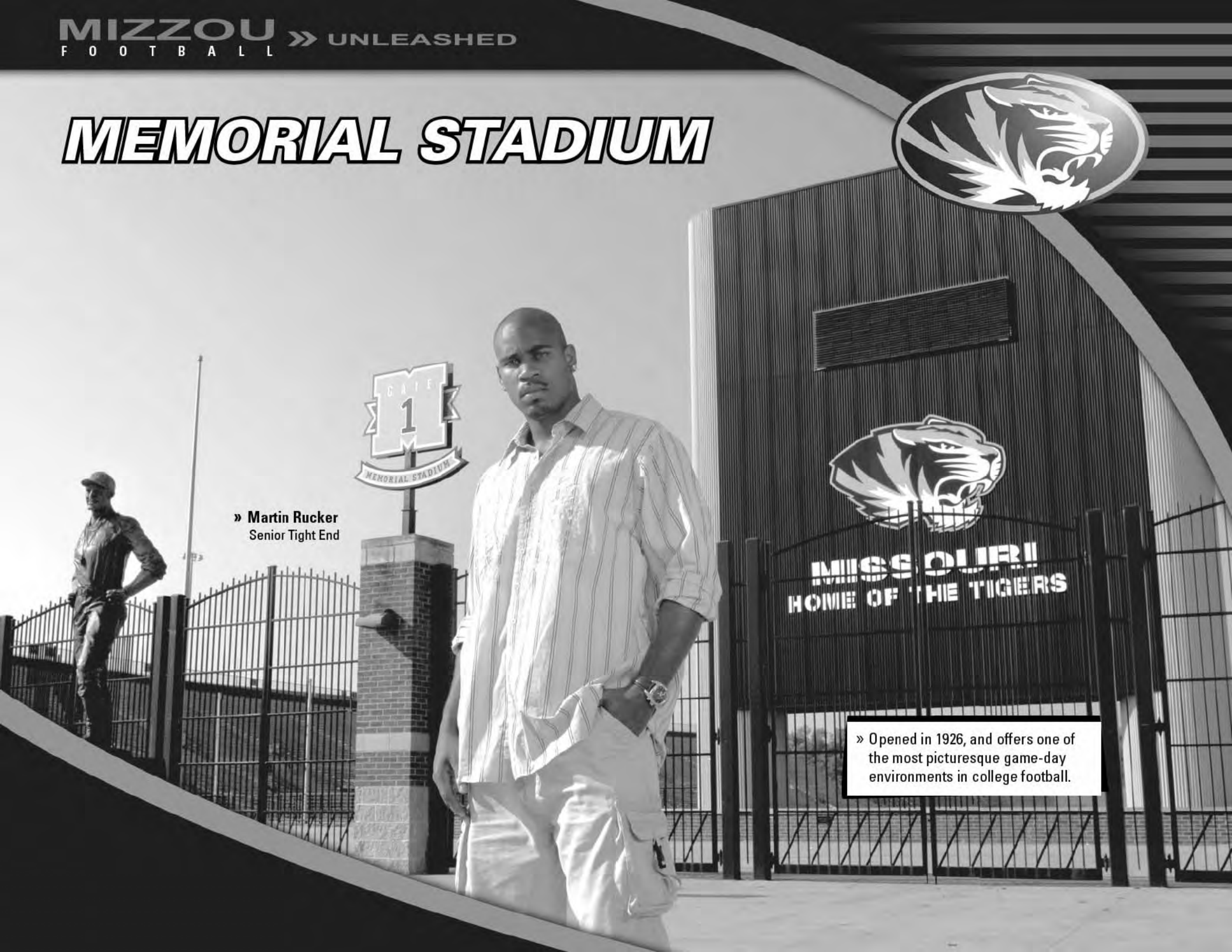
» A $16 million expansion and renovation project opened in 2007, giving the Mizzou Football program one of the most comprehensive training facilities in America.

» Also added to the facility is a new dining services wing, which allows full-service meal catering for the Tiger Football program.

» The new facility registers at over 101,000 square feet of total space, nearly doubling the old total of 66,000 square feet in the previous facility.

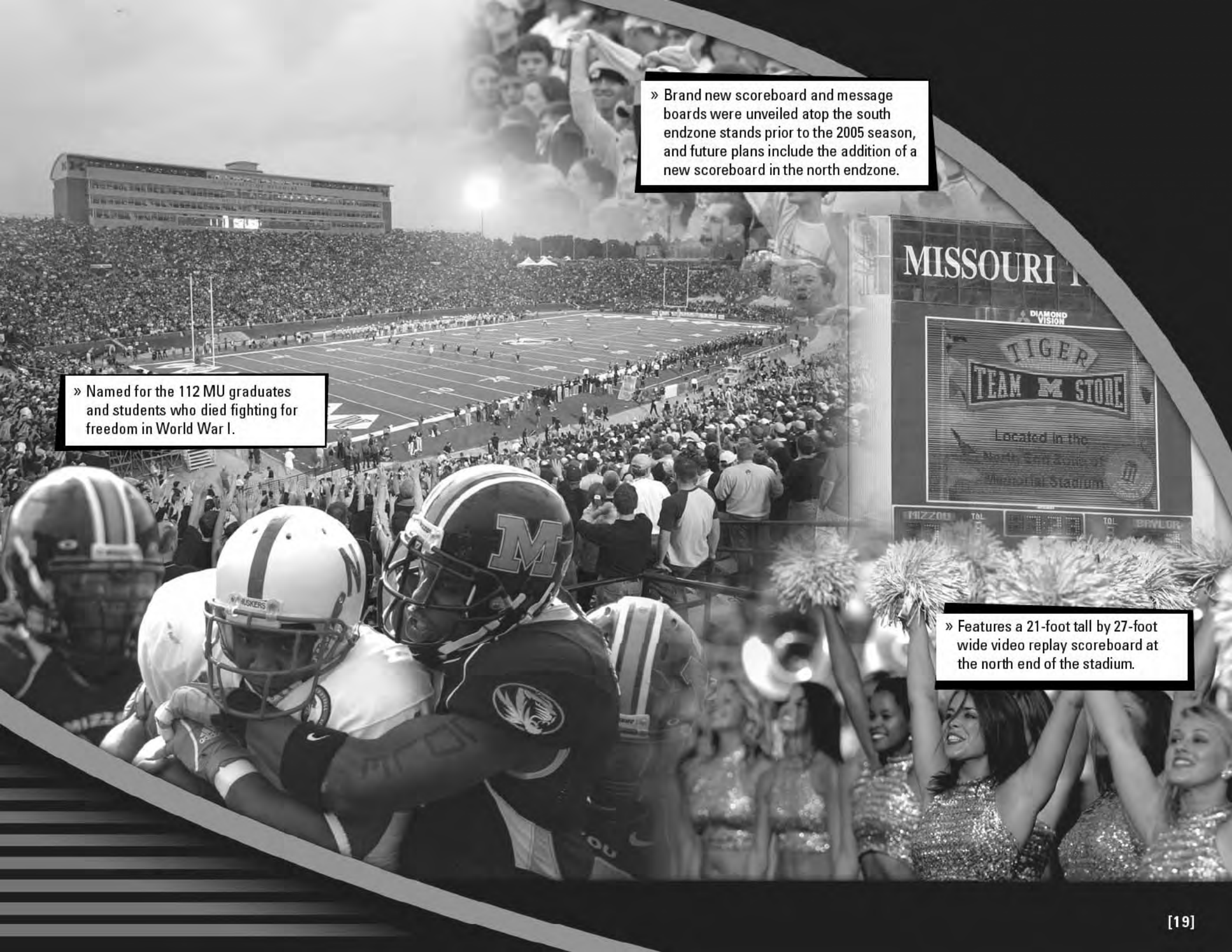
» Improvements were made in all areas of the facility, including the weight room, which ranks among the nation's finest and largest facilities of its kind.

MEMORIAL STADIUM



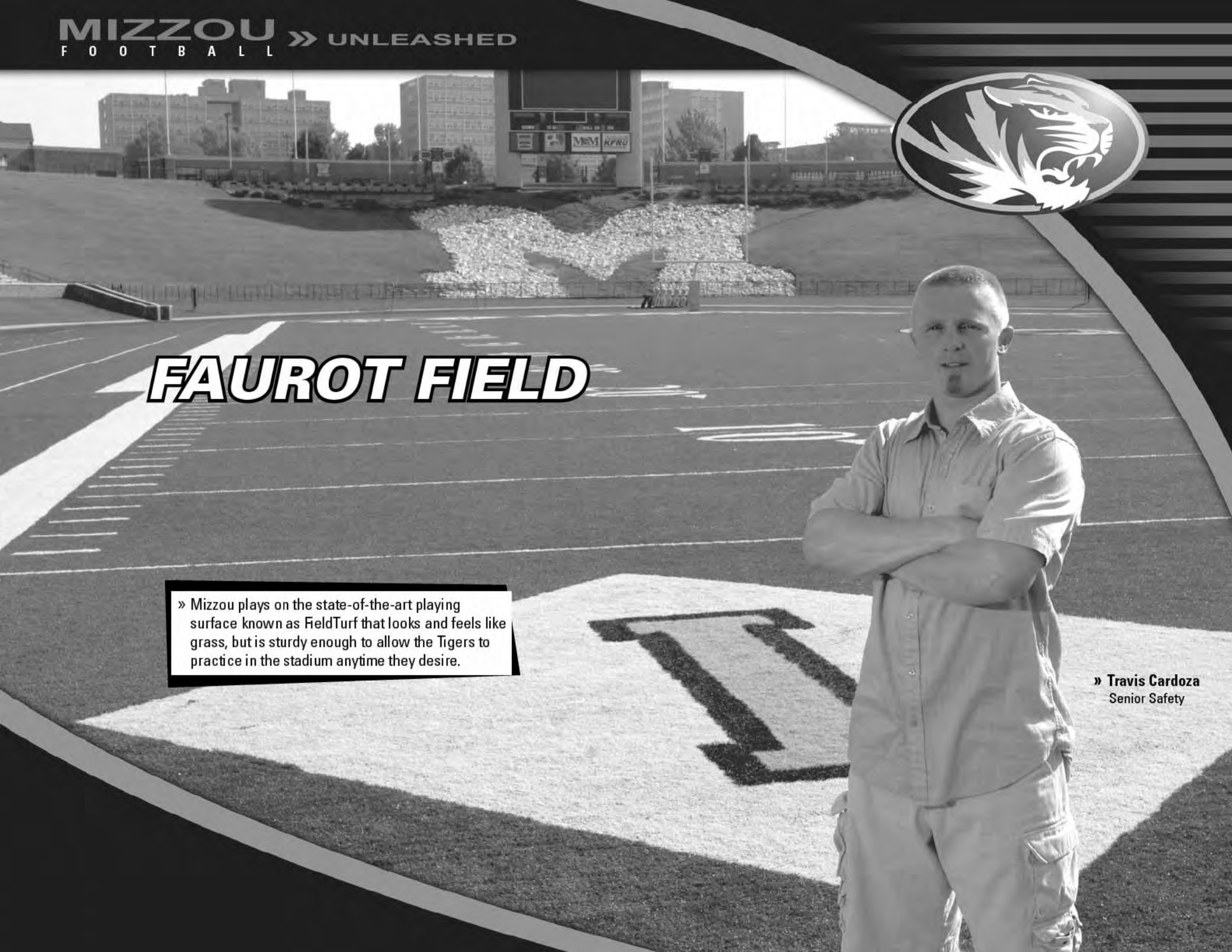
» **Martin Rucker**
Senior Tight End

» Opened in 1926, and offers one of the most picturesque game-day environments in college football.

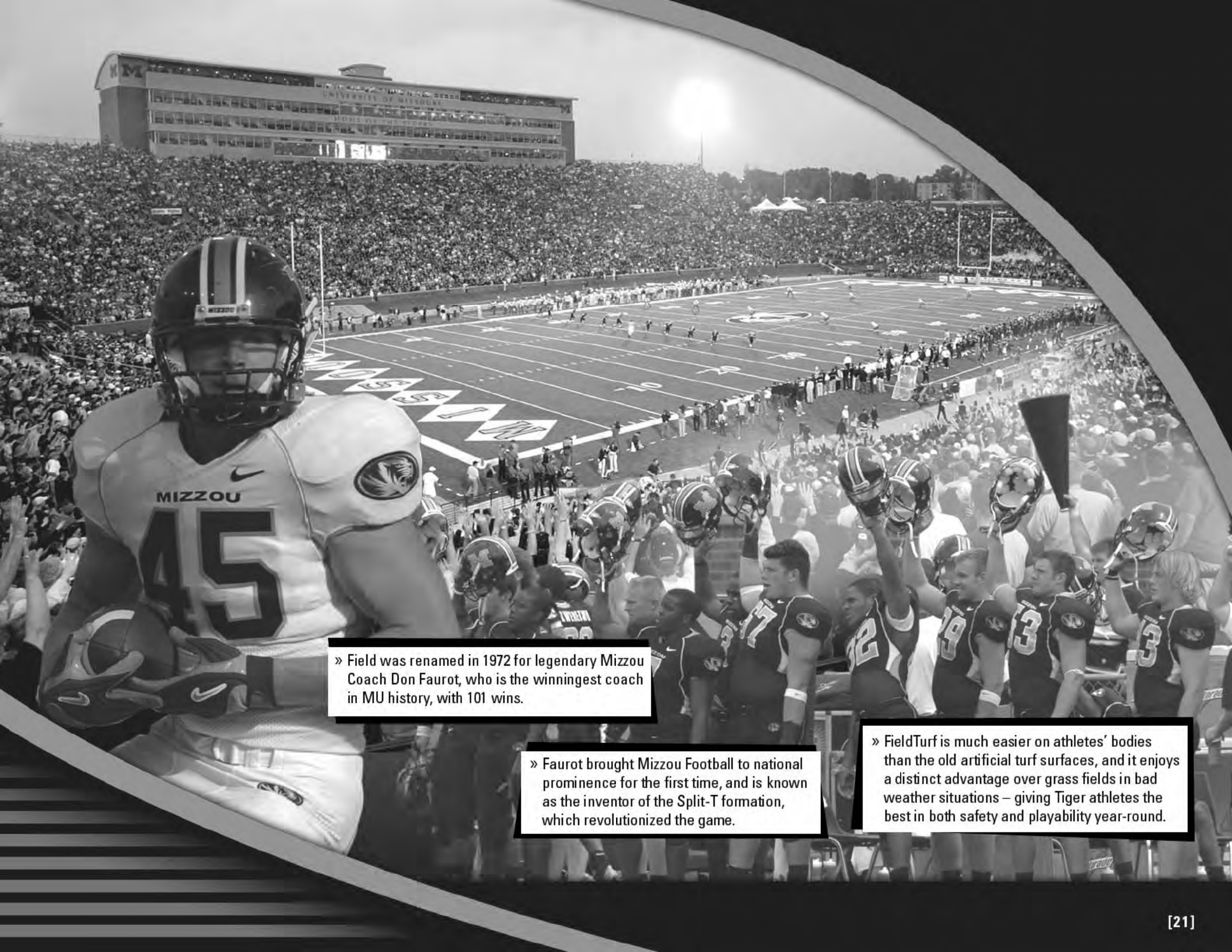

» Brand new scoreboard and message boards were unveiled atop the south endzone stands prior to the 2005 season, and future plans include the addition of a new scoreboard in the north endzone.
» Named for the 112 MU graduates and students who died fighting for freedom in World War I.
MISSOURI
DIAMOND VISION
TIGER
TEAM M STORE
Located in the
» Features a 21-foot tall by 27-foot wide video replay scoreboard at the north end of the stadium.

FAUROT FIELD

» Mizzou plays on the state-of-the-art playing surface known as FieldTurf that looks and feels like grass, but is sturdy enough to allow the Tigers to practice in the stadium anytime they desire.



» **Travis Cardoza**
Senior Safety

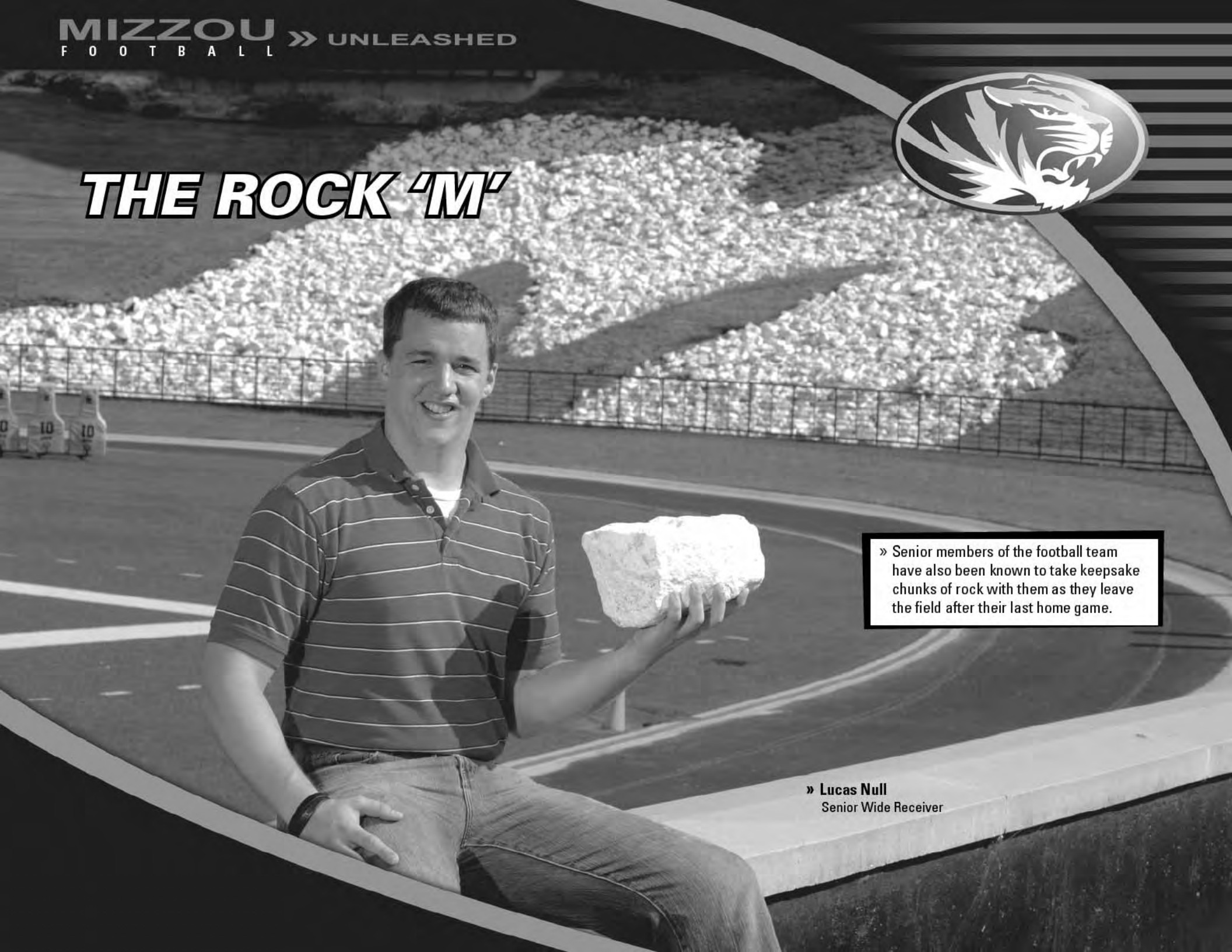


» Field was renamed in 1972 for legendary Mizzou Coach Don Faurot, who is the winningest coach in MU history, with 101 wins.

» Faurot brought Mizzou Football to national prominence for the first time, and is known as the inventor of the Split-T formation, which revolutionized the game.

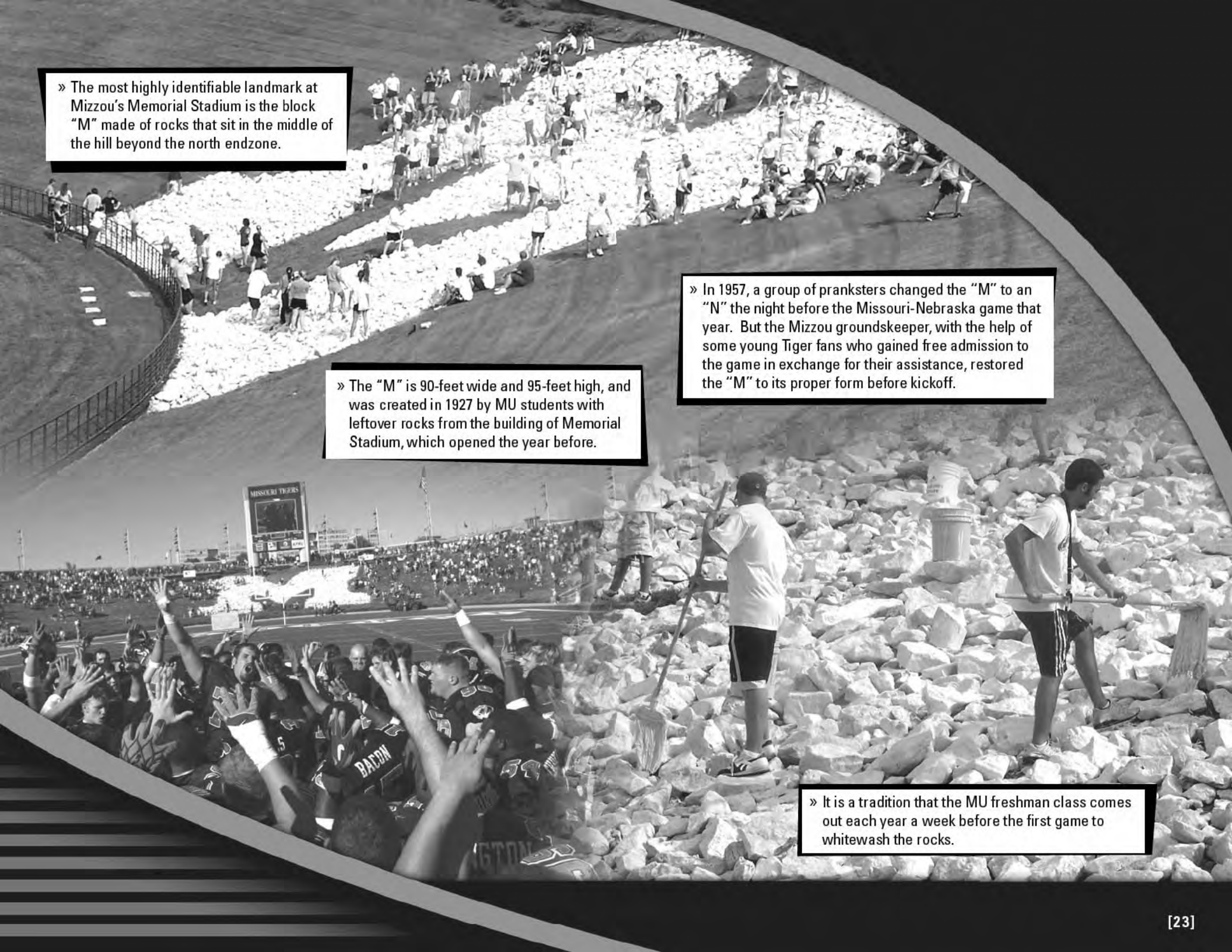
» FieldTurf is much easier on athletes' bodies than the old artificial turf surfaces, and it enjoys a distinct advantage over grass fields in bad weather situations – giving Tiger athletes the best in both safety and playability year-round.

THE ROCK 'M'



» Senior members of the football team have also been known to take keepsake chunks of rock with them as they leave the field after their last home game.

» Lucas Null
Senior Wide Receiver



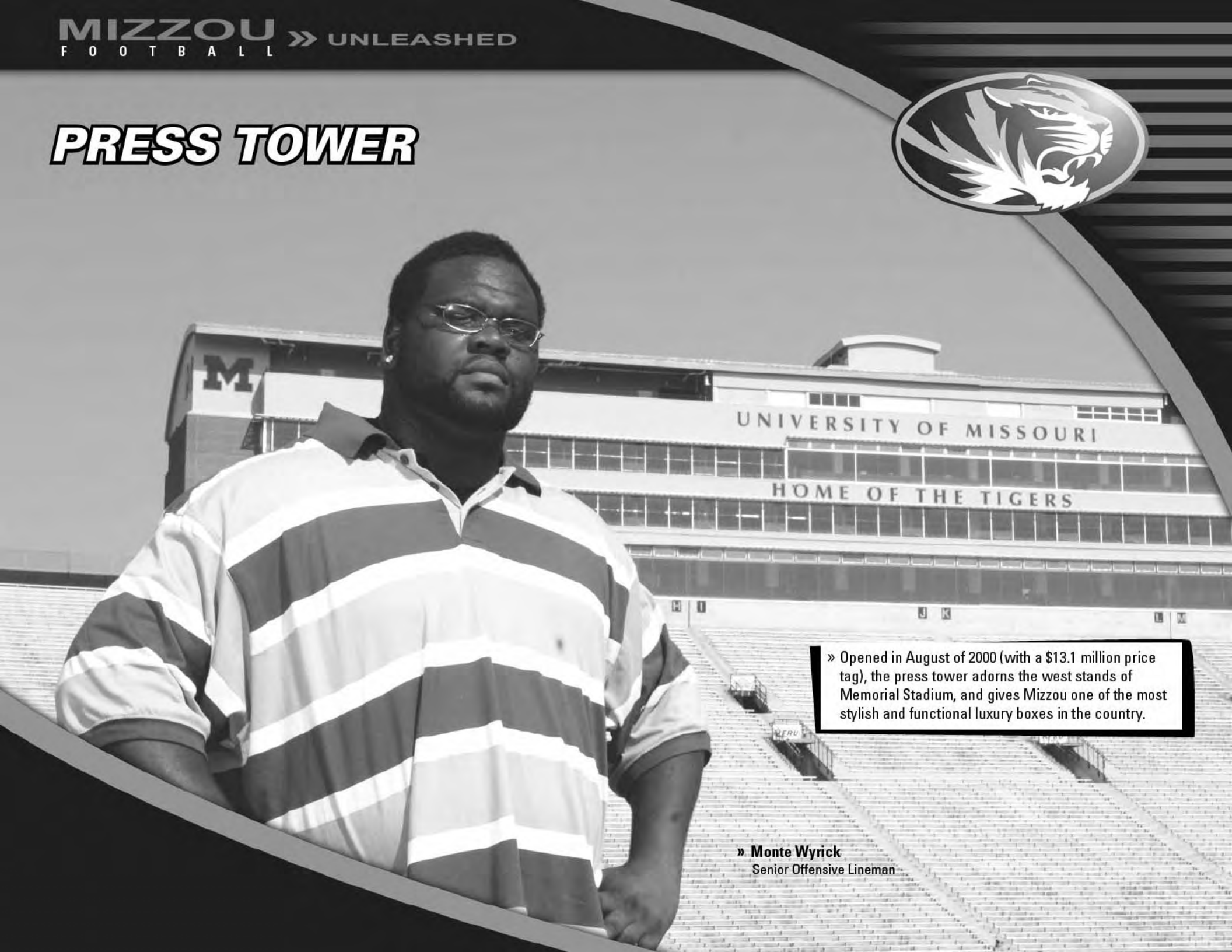
» The most highly identifiable landmark at Mizzou's Memorial Stadium is the block "M" made of rocks that sit in the middle of the hill beyond the north endzone.

» The "M" is 90-feet wide and 95-feet high, and was created in 1927 by MU students with leftover rocks from the building of Memorial Stadium, which opened the year before.

» In 1957, a group of pranksters changed the "M" to an "N" the night before the Missouri-Nebraska game that year. But the Mizzou groundskeeper, with the help of some young Tiger fans who gained free admission to the game in exchange for their assistance, restored the "M" to its proper form before kickoff.

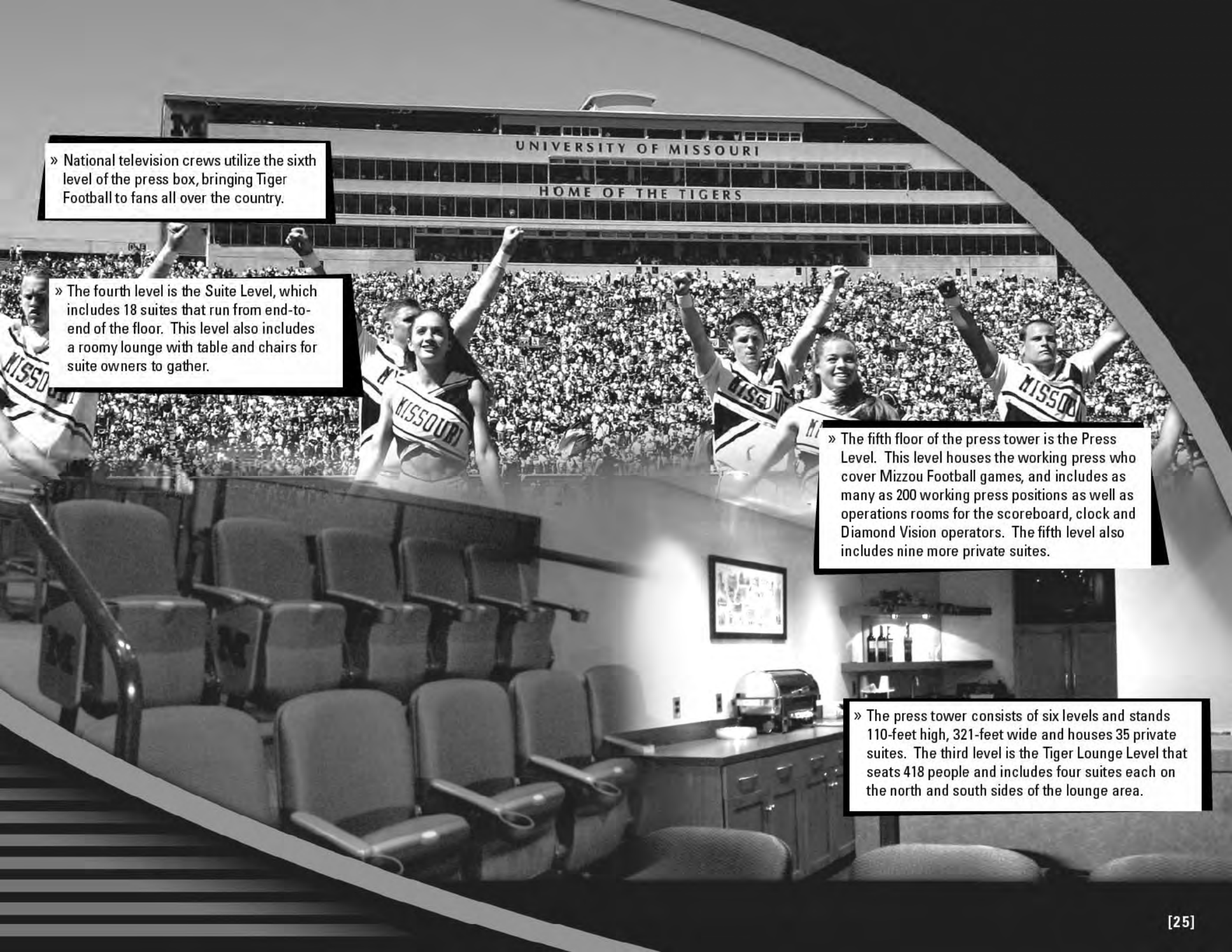
» It is a tradition that the MU freshman class comes out each year a week before the first game to whitewash the rocks.

PRESS TOWER



» Opened in August of 2000 (with a $13.1 million price tag), the press tower adorns the west stands of Memorial Stadium, and gives Mizzou one of the most stylish and functional luxury boxes in the country.

» Monte Wyrick
Senior Offensive Lineman



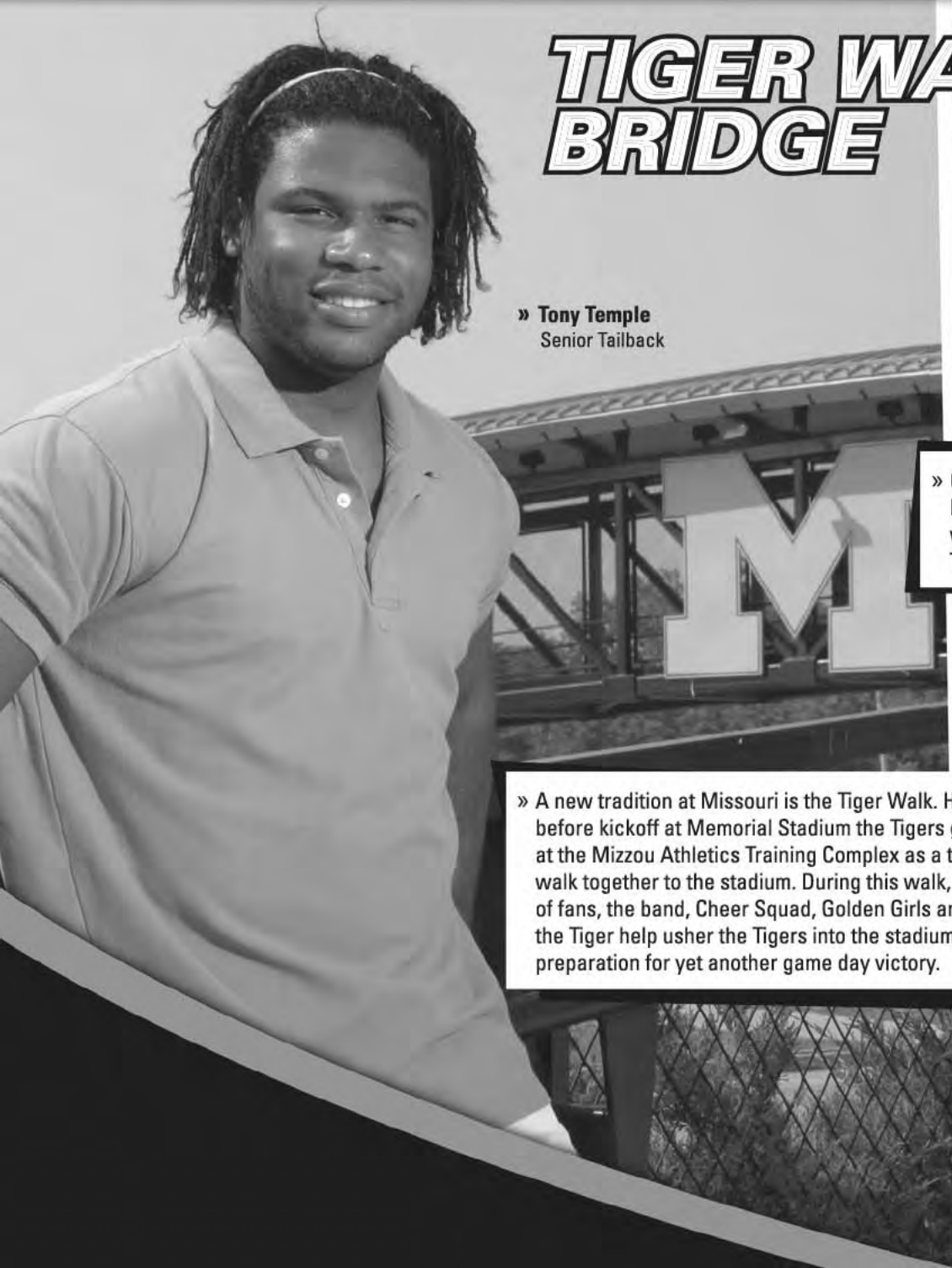
» National television crews utilize the sixth level of the press box, bringing Tiger Football to fans all over the country.

» The fourth level is the Suite Level, which includes 18 suites that run from end-to-end of the floor. This level also includes a roomy lounge with table and chairs for suite owners to gather.

» The fifth floor of the press tower is the Press Level. This level houses the working press who cover Mizzou Football games, and includes as many as 200 working press positions as well as operations rooms for the scoreboard, clock and Diamond Vision operators. The fifth level also includes nine more private suites.

» The press tower consists of six levels and stands 110-feet high, 321-feet wide and houses 35 private suites. The third level is the Tiger Lounge Level that seats 418 people and includes four suites each on the north and south sides of the lounge area.

TIGER WALK BRIDGE



» **Tony Temple**
Senior Tailback

» One of the newest constructions in the Mizzou Sports Park is the Tiger Walk Bridge, which beautifully ties the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex to Memorial Stadium.

» A new tradition at Missouri is the Tiger Walk. Hours before kickoff at Memorial Stadium the Tigers gather at the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex as a team and walk together to the stadium. During this walk, hundreds of fans, the band, Cheer Squad, Golden Girls and Truman the Tiger help usher the Tigers into the stadium in preparation for yet another game day victory.

DEVINE PAVILION

» The Daniel J. Devine Indoor Practice Facility, named for Hall of Fame Coach Dan Devine, is one of the finest indoor practice facilities in the Big 12 Conference.

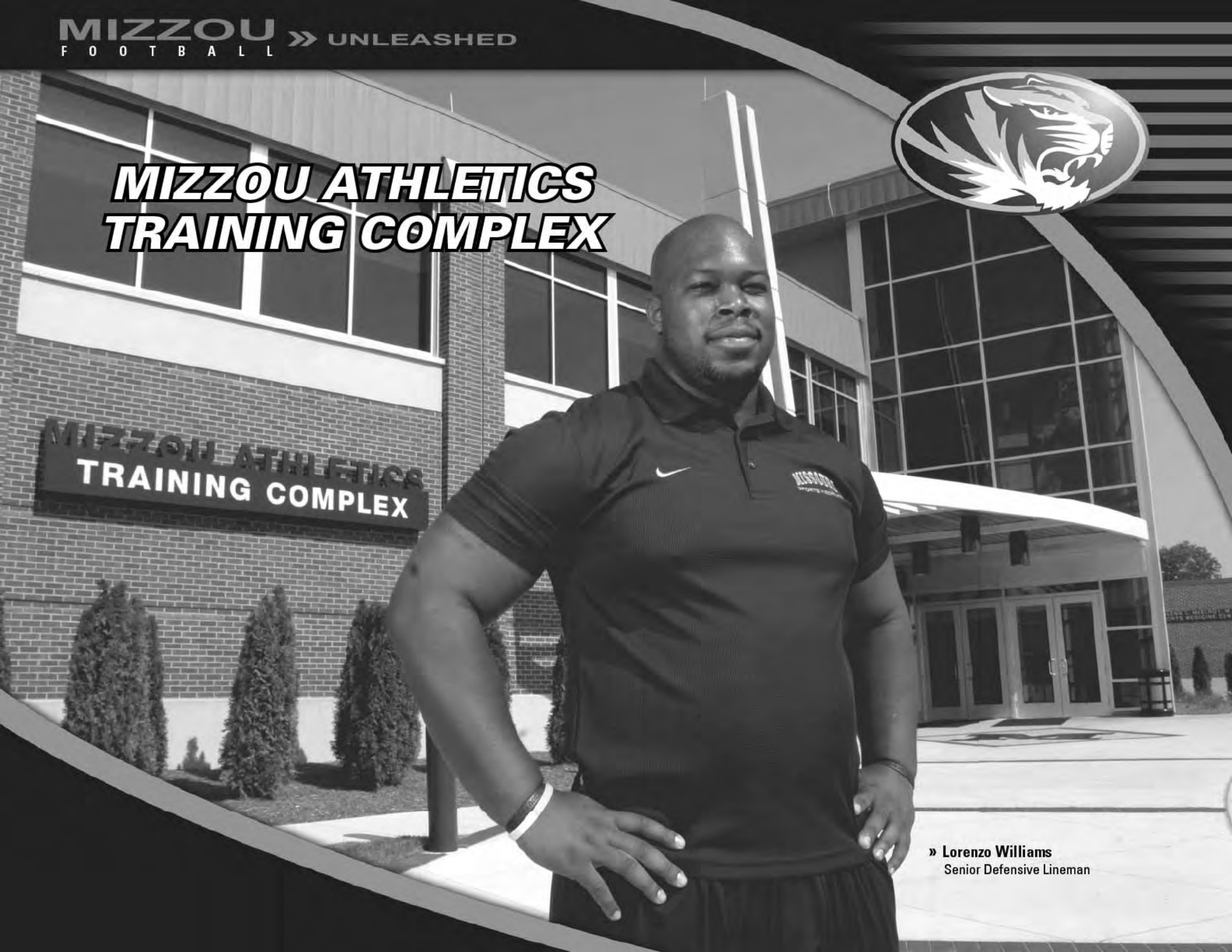
» Although the facility is less than a decade old, building enhancements are already underway. In Summer 2007, FieldTurf was installed to replace the Astroturf, which was laid during the building's initial construction.

» The $12 million project was completed in the summer of 1998 and serves as the site of the Missouri Tigers' off-season conditioning workouts.

» The Tigers can avoid inclement weather and conduct full-scale practices on the 90-yard FieldTurf surface inside the facility. The facility has come in especially handy recently, as the Tigers practiced inside extensively late into the winter months in preparation for the 2003 and 2005 Independence bowls, and the 2006 Sun Bowl.

» **Charles Gaines**
Senior Defensive Lineman

MIZZOU ATHLETICS TRAINING COMPLEX



» **Lorenzo Williams**
Senior Defensive Lineman

» The Mizzou Athletics Training Complex enhancement now gives the Tiger Football program its locker rooms, strength and conditioning, dining services, training room, coaches offices, meeting rooms and academic center, all under one roof.

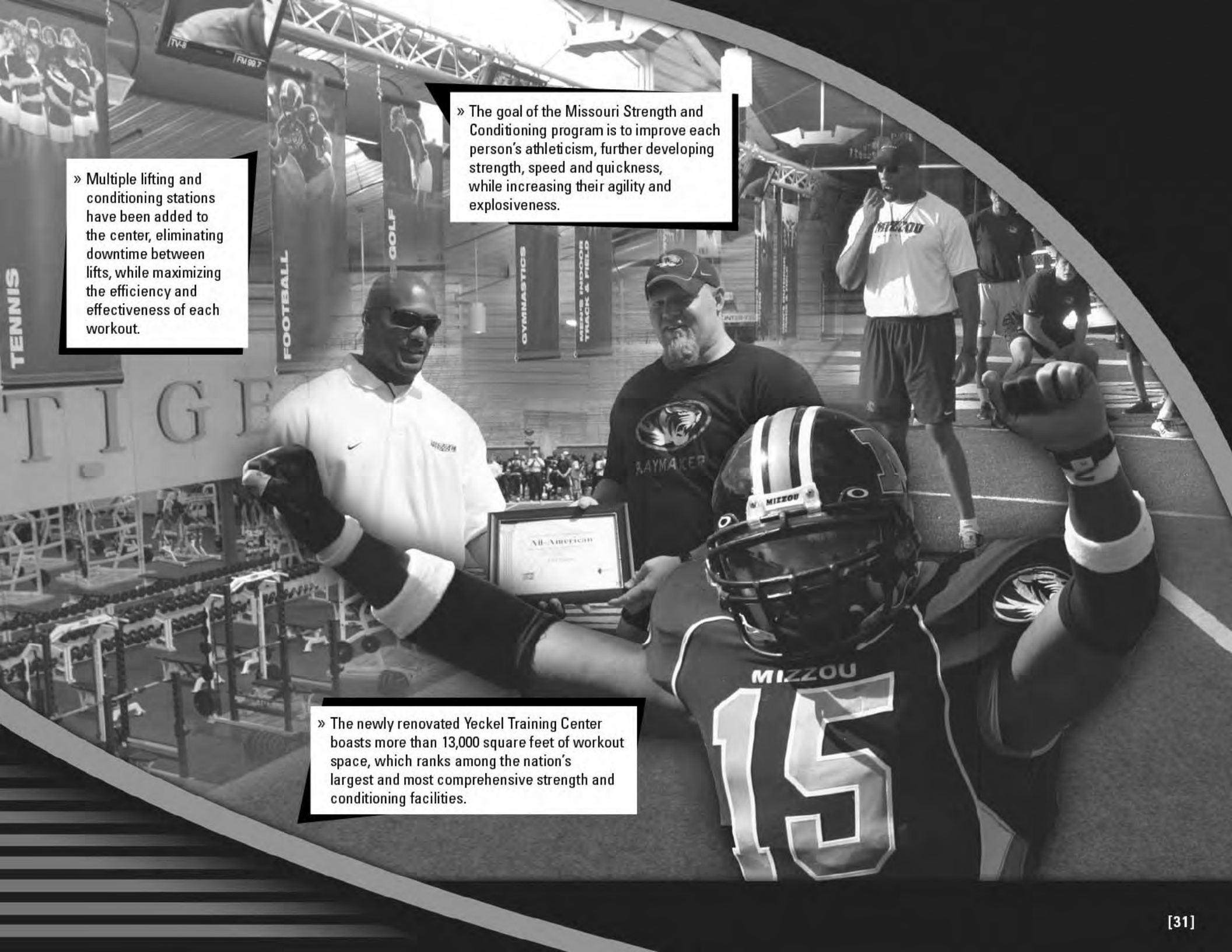
» Locker room upgrades include numerous flat screen televisions and the latest game stations, including Playstation and Xbox-formatted systems.

» The Tiger Football program has enjoyed upgrades in nearly every facility over the past five years, including a $16 million expansion to the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex, which was completed last spring.

» State-of-the-art field turf was installed in the Devine Pavilion (indoor facility) this summer, giving the indoor football complex the same type of surface that is used at Memorial Stadium.

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

» **Chris Tipton**
Senior Offensive Lineman


» Multiple lifting and conditioning stations have been added to the center, eliminating downtime between lifts, while maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of each workout.
» The goal of the Missouri Strength and Conditioning program is to improve each person's athleticism, further developing strength, speed and quickness, while increasing their agility and explosiveness.
» The newly renovated Yeckel Training Center boasts more than 13,000 square feet of workout space, which ranks among the nation's largest and most comprehensive strength and conditioning facilities.
TENNIS
FOOTBALL
GOLF
GYMNASTICS
MIZZOU
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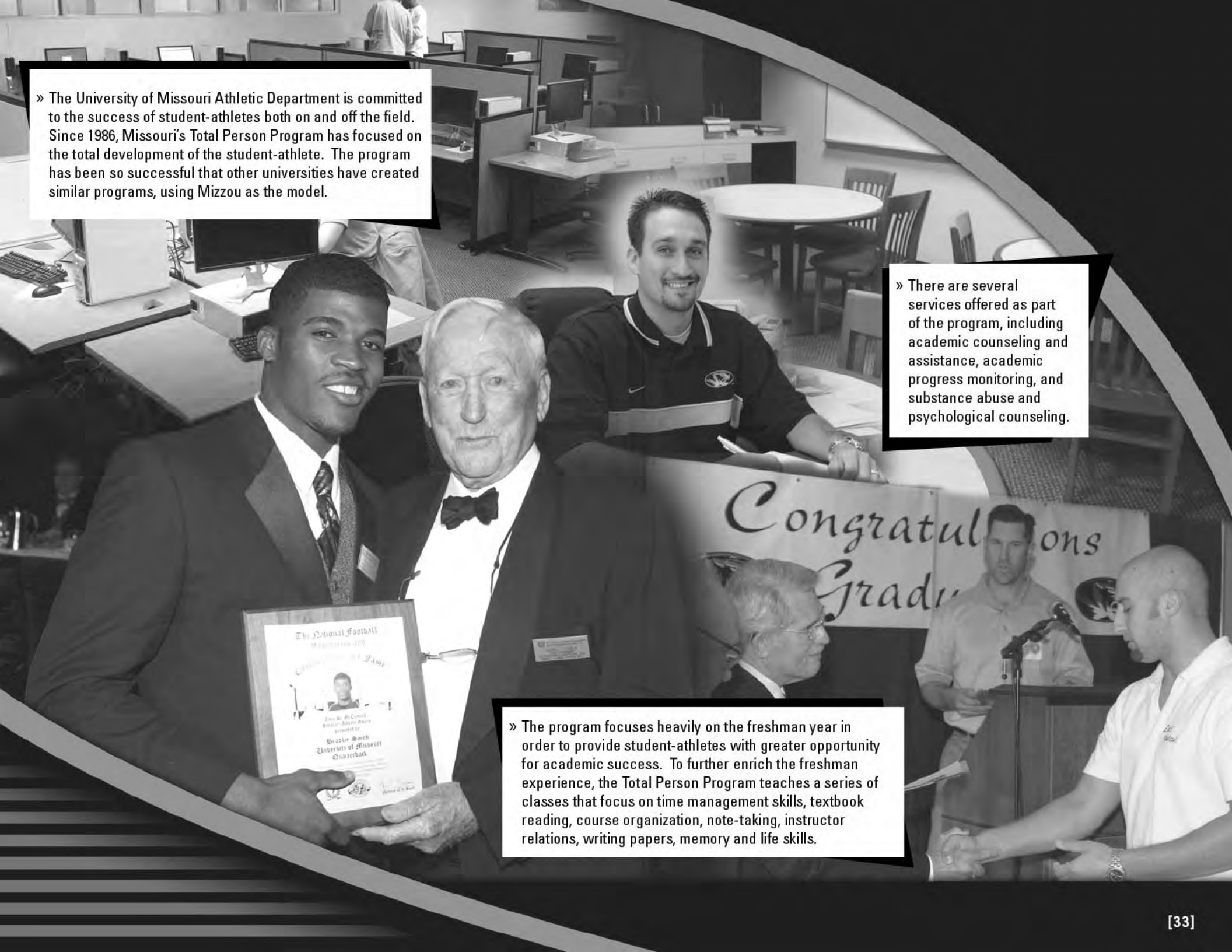
ACADEMICS

» **John Ruth**
Senior Linebacker

» Missouri once again led the Big 12 conference in Academic Progress Rate and had nine teams post league-leading APR numbers in their respective sports.



» The University of Missouri Athletic Department is committed to the success of student-athletes both on and off the field. Since 1986, Missouri's Total Person Program has focused on the total development of the student-athlete. The program has been so successful that other universities have created similar programs, using Mizzou as the model.

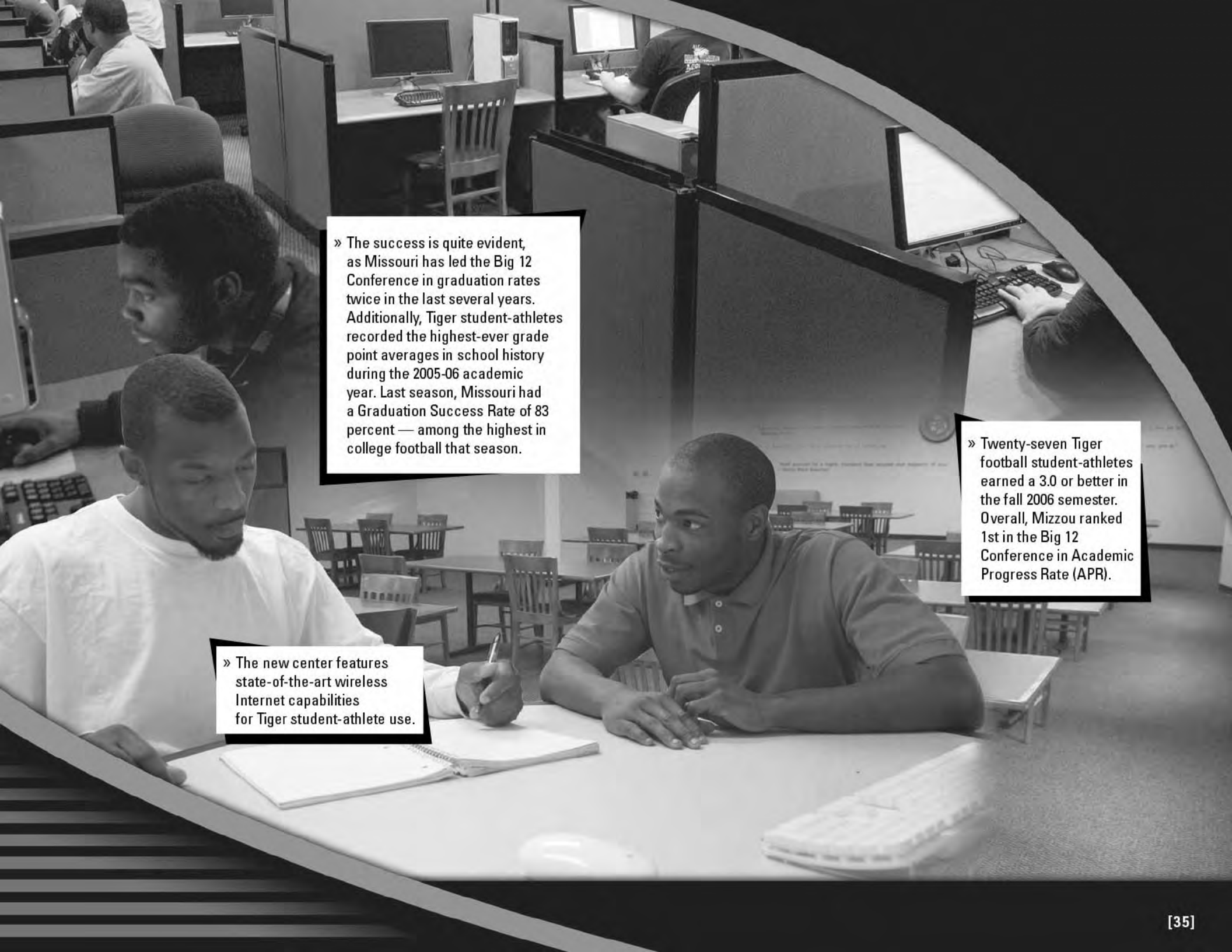
» There are several services offered as part of the program, including academic counseling and assistance, academic progress monitoring, and substance abuse and psychological counseling.

» The program focuses heavily on the freshman year in order to provide student-athletes with greater opportunity for academic success. To further enrich the freshman experience, the Total Person Program teaches a series of classes that focus on time management skills, textbook reading, course organization, note-taking, instructor relations, writing papers, memory and life skills.

COMPUTER LAB

» The newly-expanded Shelden Academic Resource Center includes a 50-workstation computer lab, more than 20 group and individual tutor rooms, staff offices and meeting rooms. Additionally, a large study area gives Tiger student-athletes virtually every resource they need to be successful in the classroom.

» **Adam Spieker**
Senior Center



» The success is quite evident, as Missouri has led the Big 12 Conference in graduation rates twice in the last several years. Additionally, Tiger student-athletes recorded the highest-ever grade point averages in school history during the 2005-06 academic year. Last season, Missouri had a Graduation Success Rate of 83 percent — among the highest in college football that season.

» Twenty-seven Tiger football student-athletes earned a 3.0 or better in the fall 2006 semester. Overall, Mizzou ranked 1st in the Big 12 Conference in Academic Progress Rate (APR).

» The new center features state-of-the-art wireless Internet capabilities for Tiger student-athlete use.

ONOFRIO MEETING ROOM

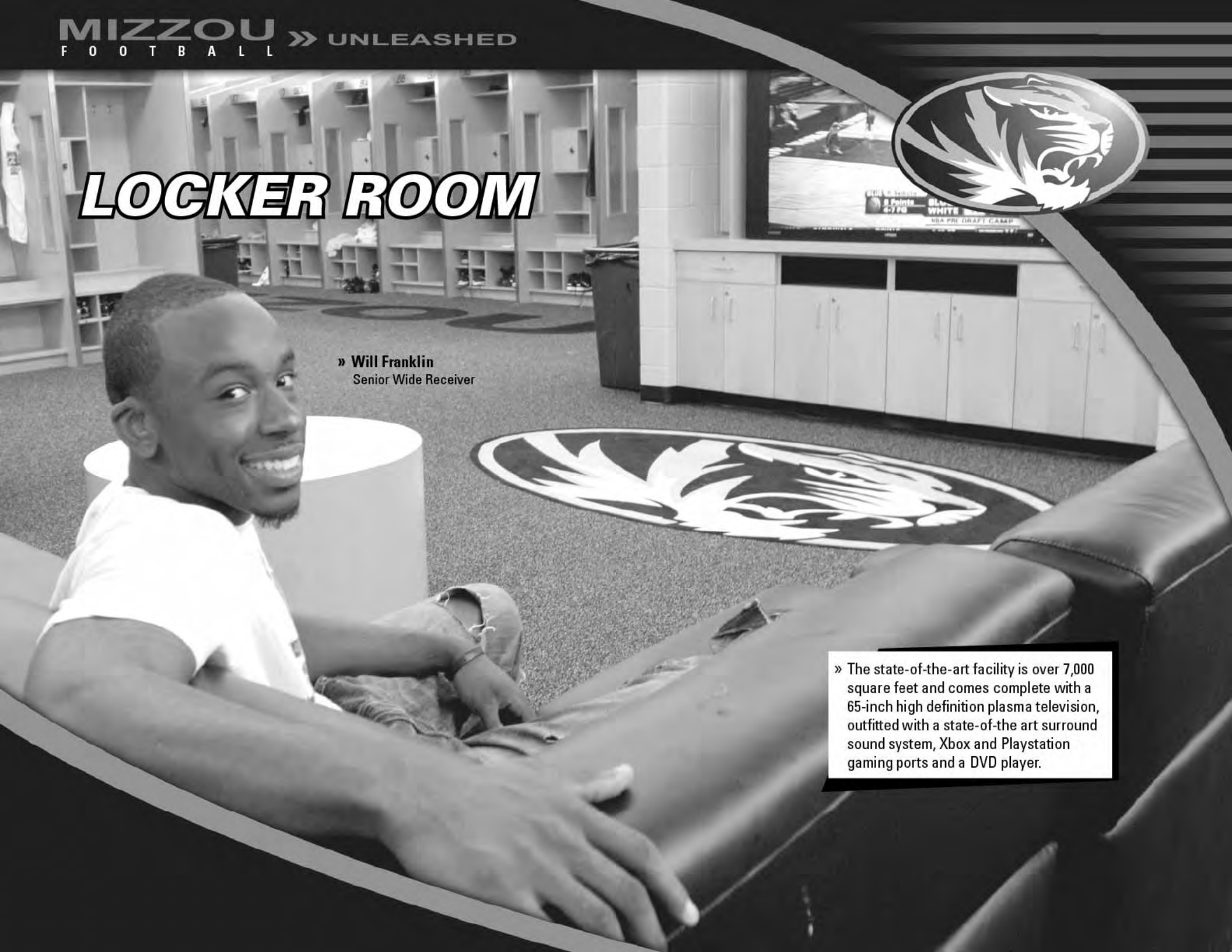
» **Paul Simpson**
Senior Defensive Back

» Named after former Tiger coaching great Al Onofrio, this newly-expanded team video room can seat over 150 people comfortably.

» A lounge with premium amenities is available for football student-athletes to relax in, and is located just down the hallway from the locker room. This comfortable facility includes a television, pool table, foosball table and comfortable couches and chairs to relax in between classes or practices.

» The room has video, DVD and computer presentation capabilities, and features theater-quality surround sound. Head Coach Gary Pinkel holds his weekly news briefing with the media each Monday afternoon from this room.

LOCKER ROOM



» **Will Franklin**
Senior Wide Receiver

» The state-of-the-art facility is over 7,000 square feet and comes complete with a 65-inch high definition plasma television, outfitted with a state-of-the art surround sound system, Xbox and Playstation gaming ports and a DVD player.

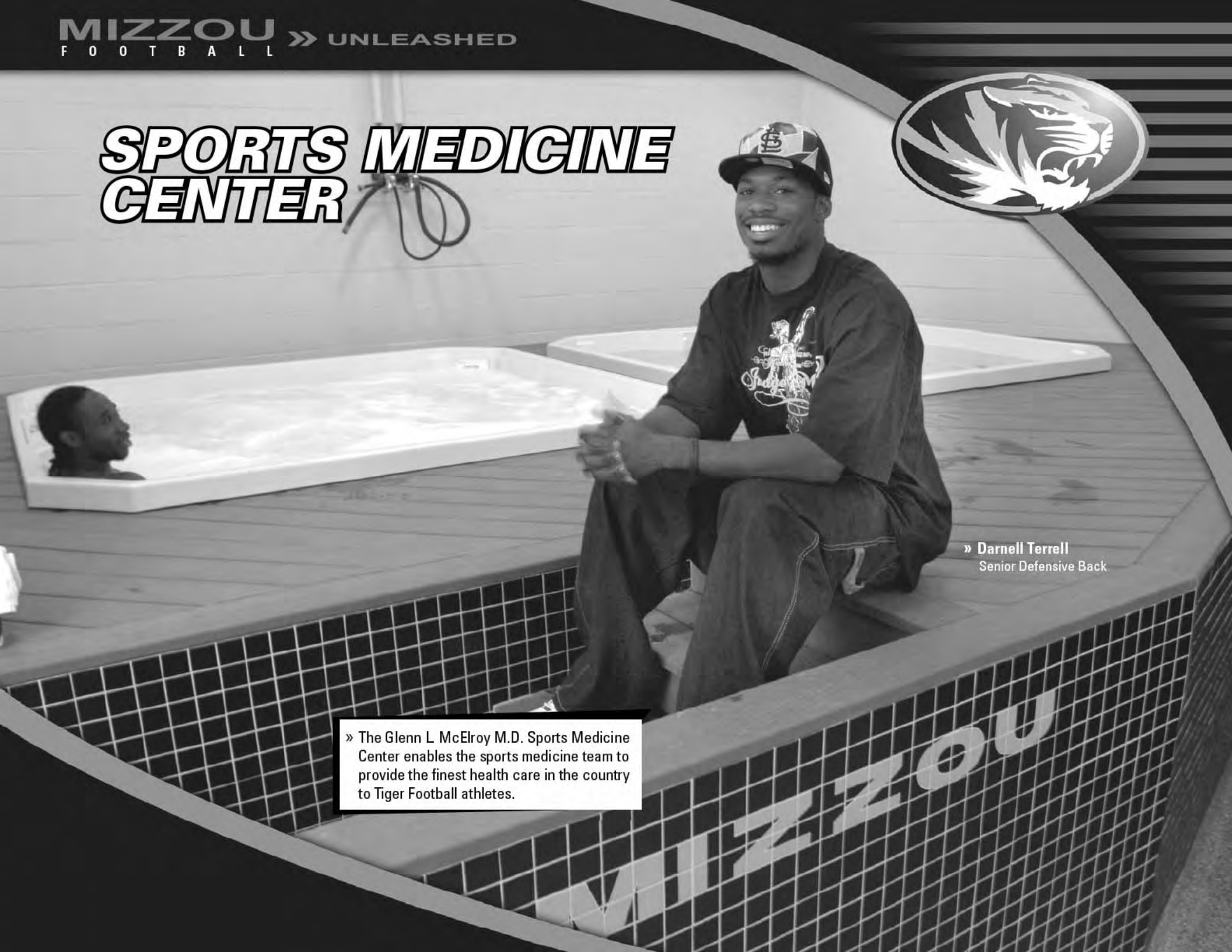
» Eight 30-inch high definition plasma televisions are placed throughout the locker room as well, allowing position groups to watch their own movies and videos.

» The newly-renovated locker room is an NFL-style facility capable of holding up to 130 players comfortably.

» The locker room is one of the nation's first clean-air facilities and features a state-of-the-art Ionic Breeze filtration system. It not only eliminates odors, but also germs and allergy-causing agents. The room also has a state-of-the-art ventilation system that puts new air into the locker room on an hourly basis, eliminating odor and humidity, while providing superior air cleaning capabilities.

» Connected to the room is a shoe drying room, where each player may place his wet shoes in a drying rack, and have them dry and ready for the next practice.

SPORTS MEDICINE CENTER



» **Darnell Terrell**
Senior Defensive Back

» The Glenn L. McElroy M.D. Sports Medicine Center enables the sports medicine team to provide the finest health care in the country to Tiger Football athletes.

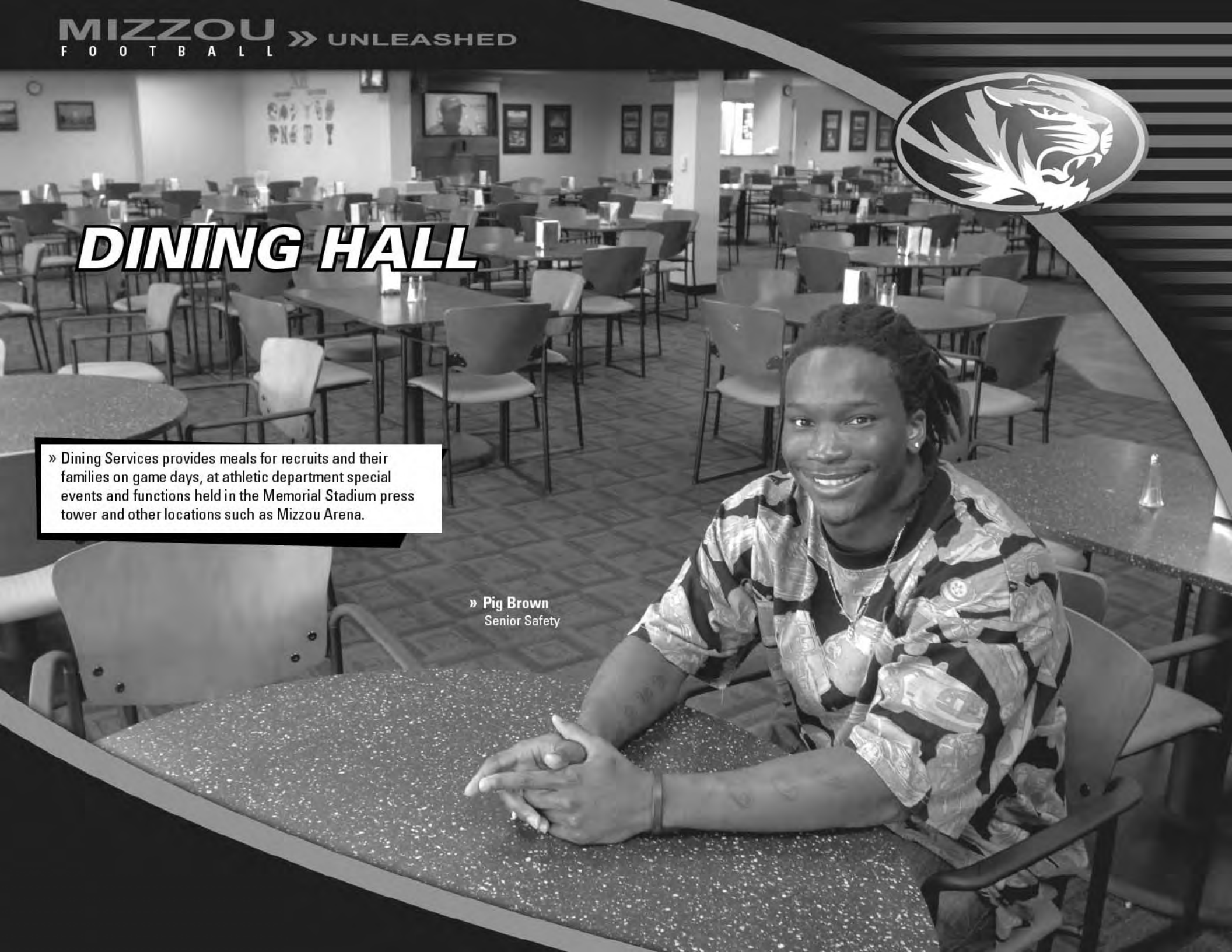
» The center contains a large therapeutic exercise area featuring stair-steppers for conditioning, closed kinetic chain rehabilitation, exercise cycles, upper body ergo meters and treadmills.

» The Missouri Athletic Training Staff recently received a "Best Staff in the Big 12 Conference" award for their expertise.

» The "MAC" features state-of-the-art treatment and rehabilitation equipment, including a Swim-Ex 7,000 therapeutic Exercise/Rehabilitation Pool, 20 custom made treatment tables with high tech treatment modalities and 15 custom made taping stations.

DINING HALL

» Dining Services provides meals for recruits and their families on game days, at athletic department special events and functions held in the Memorial Stadium press tower and other locations such as Mizzou Arena.



» **Pig Brown**
Senior Safety

» Athletic Dining Services can prepare restaurant-quality meals for up to 250 Mizzou student-athletes at one time.

» In addition to premium dining options, the Tigers can also utilize cook-to-order stir fry, pizza and sandwich stations, along with freshly-cut fruit and salad bars daily.

» The dining services staff works along with the Missouri strength and conditioning coaches to develop menus that maintain good nutritional value. Nutritional analysis is available for each athlete, allowing for optimal performance in practice, in the weight room and in competition.

» Plasma screen televisions circle the dining facility allowing for wall-to-wall viewing while dining.

» The Tiger Football team has numerous dining options thanks to a rotating menu, which includes choices of steak, seafood and pasta on a daily basis.

» Jana Heitmeyer, Mizzou's Director of Sports Nutrition, is a key member of the Tiger Staff. Heitmeyer is responsible for nutrition education, body composition analysis and diet analysis for all Missouri student-athletes.

THE COLUMNS

» The majestic Columns are the landmark of Mizzou's campus, which stand proudly in the middle of picturesque Francis Quadrangle. The six ionic columns that stand are all that remain of the old Academic Hall that was destroyed by fire on Jan. 9, 1892. They remain to honor the many generations of students and faculty who have passed in their shadow.

» The Quadrangle and its Columns are fond symbols of MU and the witness to many annual events, including graduation and various other ceremonies.

» Many myths surround the Columns, including the legend that the architect placed two further apart for his own amusement.

» **Greg Bracey**
Senior Wide Receiver

» **Jason Ray**
Senior Wide Receiver

» **Dr. Brady J. Deaton**
Chancellor

TOP-NOTCH FACULTY

» MU invented Therasphere® for liver cancer; Quadramet® for bone cancer pain; and Ceratec™ for brain imaging to diagnose stroke, Alzheimer's Disease, infections and more.

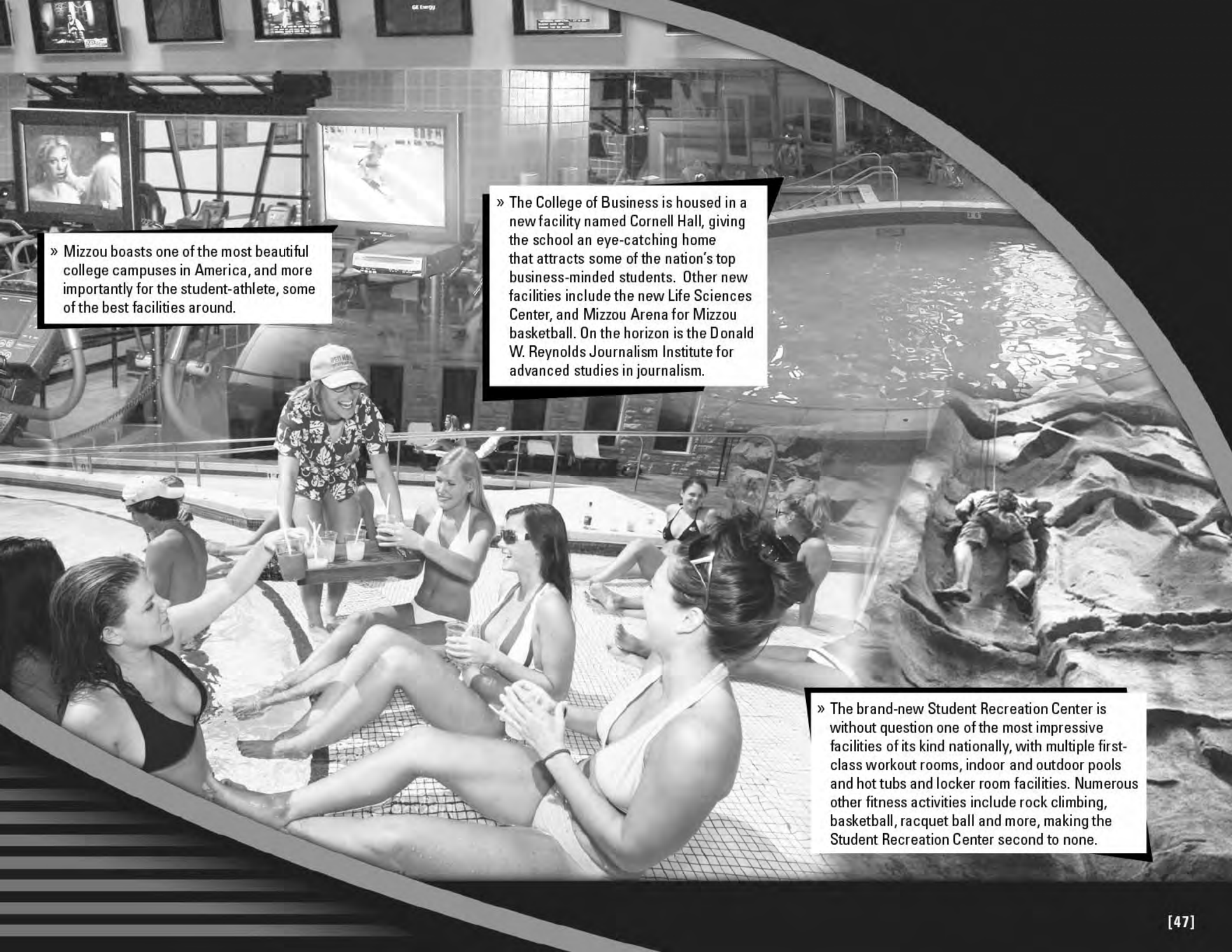
» At Mizzou, nationally prominent scholars and scientists bring their insights and discoveries into the classroom, and often involve students directly in research. MU's stellar professors, 94 percent of whom have doctorates or the highest degree in their fields, inspire young men and women to reach their full potential.

» MU and the Navy are developing new tools to identify and disrupt terrorist networks.

EXCELLENCE IN FACILITIES

» **Adam Crossett**
Senior Punter/Kicker

» Sports Illustrated recently named the Mizzou Student Recreation Center the best in the nation.



» Mizzou boasts one of the most beautiful college campuses in America, and more importantly for the student-athlete, some of the best facilities around.

» The College of Business is housed in a new facility named Cornell Hall, giving the school an eye-catching home that attracts some of the nation's top business-minded students. Other new facilities include the new Life Sciences Center, and Mizzou Arena for Mizzou basketball. On the horizon is the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute for advanced studies in journalism.

» The brand-new Student Recreation Center is without question one of the most impressive facilities of its kind nationally, with multiple first-class workout rooms, indoor and outdoor pools and hot tubs and locker room facilities. Numerous other fitness activities include rock climbing, basketball, racquet ball and more, making the Student Recreation Center second to none.

THE COMPLETE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

» In surveys of recent Missouri graduates, an astonishing 87 percent found employment soon after graduation.

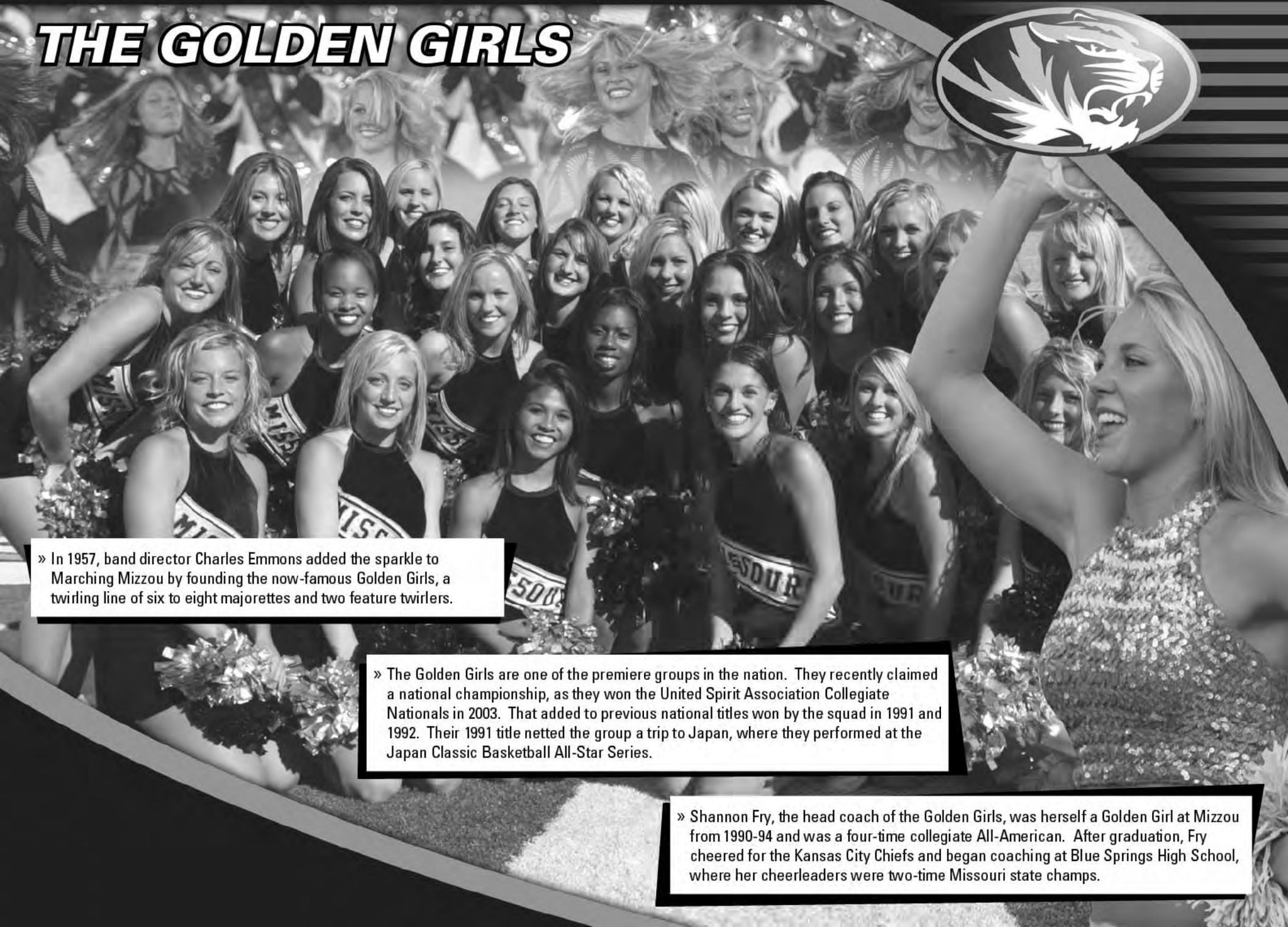
» More than 3,000 companies and organizations annually recruit new Missouri graduates, including more than 200 Fortune 500 companies.

» At Missouri, students-athletes enjoy the unique opportunity to grow academically, socially and athletically in a diverse and energetic campus environment.

» According to a 2002 U.S. Census Bureau report, college graduates can expect to make $2.1 million over their lifetimes, compared to the $1.2 million earned by non-college graduates.

» Mizzou offers endless options, from choice of academic majors and living arrangements, to opportunities to gain professional experience and explore the world in study-abroad programs.

THE GOLDEN GIRLS

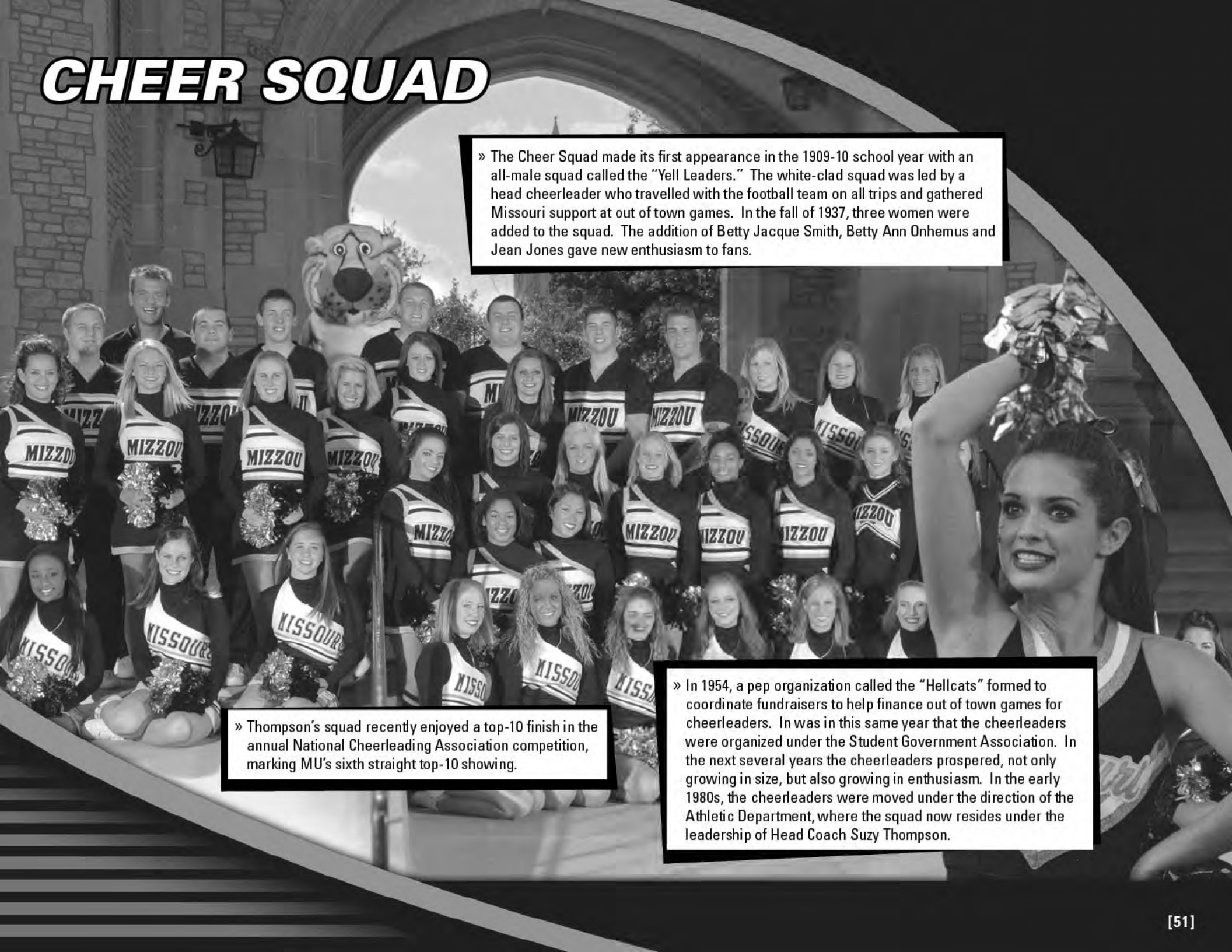


» In 1957, band director Charles Emmons added the sparkle to Marching Mizzou by founding the now-famous Golden Girls, a twirling line of six to eight majorettes and two feature twirlers.

» The Golden Girls are one of the premiere groups in the nation. They recently claimed a national championship, as they won the United Spirit Association Collegiate Nationals in 2003. That added to previous national titles won by the squad in 1991 and 1992. Their 1991 title netted the group a trip to Japan, where they performed at the Japan Classic Basketball All-Star Series.

» Shannon Fry, the head coach of the Golden Girls, was herself a Golden Girl at Mizzou from 1990-94 and was a four-time collegiate All-American. After graduation, Fry cheered for the Kansas City Chiefs and began coaching at Blue Springs High School, where her cheerleaders were two-time Missouri state champs.

CHEER SQUAD



» The Cheer Squad made its first appearance in the 1909-10 school year with an all-male squad called the "Yell Leaders." The white-clad squad was led by a head cheerleader who travelled with the football team on all trips and gathered Missouri support at out of town games. In the fall of 1937, three women were added to the squad. The addition of Betty Jacque Smith, Betty Ann Onhemus and Jean Jones gave new enthusiasm to fans.

» Thompson's squad recently enjoyed a top-10 finish in the annual National Cheerleading Association competition, marking MU's sixth straight top-10 showing.

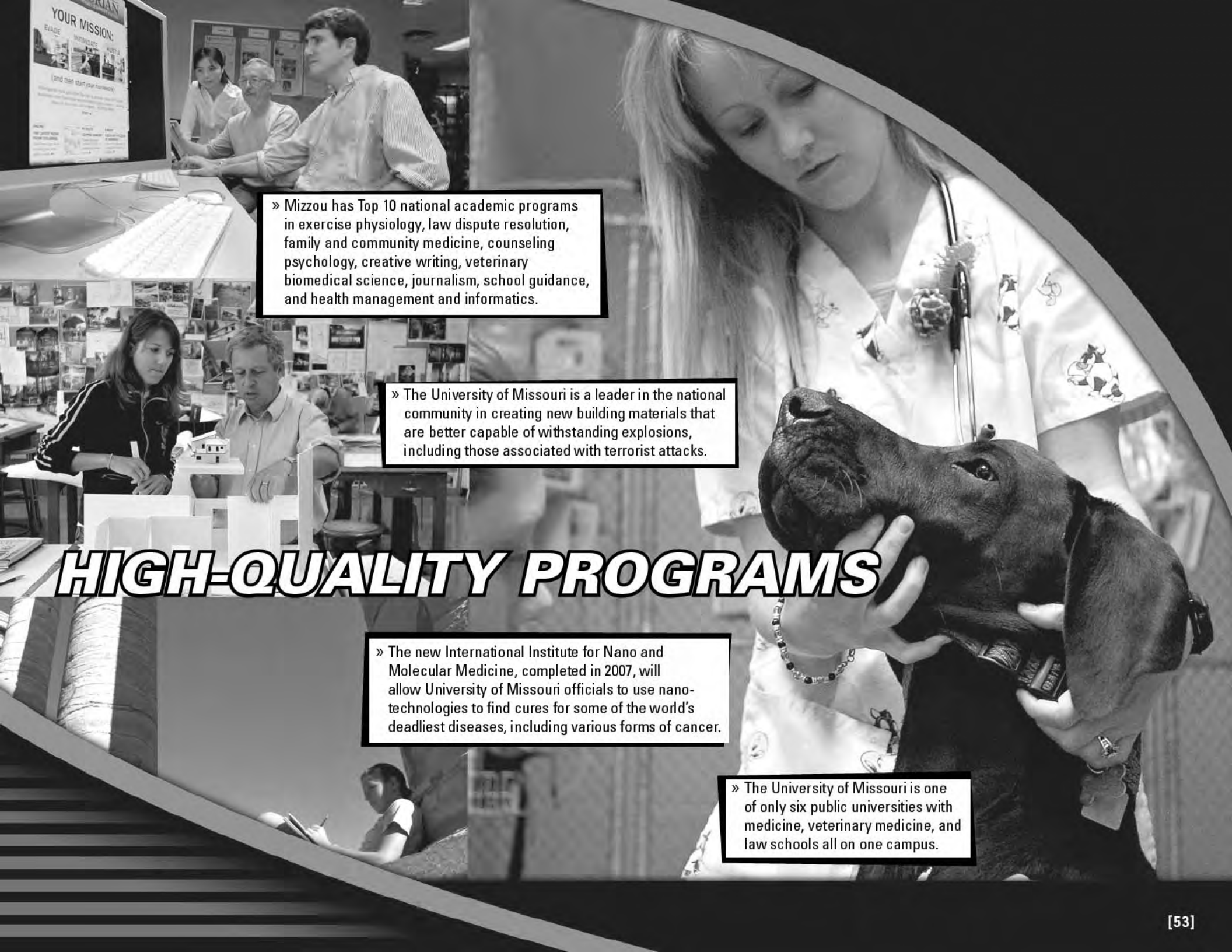
» In 1954, a pep organization called the "Hellcats" formed to coordinate fundraisers to help finance out of town games for cheerleaders. In was in this same year that the cheerleaders were organized under the Student Government Association. In the next several years the cheerleaders prospered, not only growing in size, but also growing in enthusiasm. In the early 1980s, the cheerleaders were moved under the direction of the Athletic Department, where the squad now resides under the leadership of Head Coach Suzy Thompson.

TRUMAN THE TIGER

» The nickname "Tigers," given to Mizzou's athletic teams, traces its origin to the Civil War period. While a guerrilla band organized by the notorious Bill Anderson ransacked communities throughout the state, Columbia formed an armed-guard group called the "Missouri Tigers" to protect the city from impending invasion. The group's strong reputation earned acclaim throughout the region and Anderson's guerrilla group quickly bypassed the city of Columbia.

» Truman has been acclaimed "Best Mascot in the Nation" in national competition three times in recent years, including winning the national title in 2004.

» Soon after Missouri's first football team was organized in 1890, the athletic committee adopted the nickname "Tiger" in official recognition of those Civil War defenders. Their spirit is now embodied in the MU mascot — "Truman the Tiger," Named for the Missouri-bred U.S. President — Harry S. Truman.



HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS

» Mizzou has Top 10 national academic programs in exercise physiology, law dispute resolution, family and community medicine, counseling psychology, creative writing, veterinary biomedical science, journalism, school guidance, and health management and informatics.

» The University of Missouri is a leader in the national community in creating new building materials that are better capable of withstanding explosions, including those associated with terrorist attacks.

» The new International Institute for Nano and Molecular Medicine, completed in 2007, will allow University of Missouri officials to use nano-technologies to find cures for some of the world's deadliest diseases, including various forms of cancer.

» The University of Missouri is one of only six public universities with medicine, veterinary medicine, and law schools all on one campus.

THE SPORTS PARK AT MU

» The Sports Park at MU has evolved into one of the finest and most comprehensive collegiate sports venues in the nation. From football and baseball to track and softball, all 20 sports at the University of Missouri have benefited from a series of new construction projects that began in 1995.

» Also recently completed was the resurfacing of the field turf inside the Daniel J. Devine Pavilion, Mizzou's indoor football practice facility.

» With the completion of the $16 million renovation and expansion project for the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex, the total money spent on MU Sports Park facilities comes to a whopping $155 million from 1995 to the present.

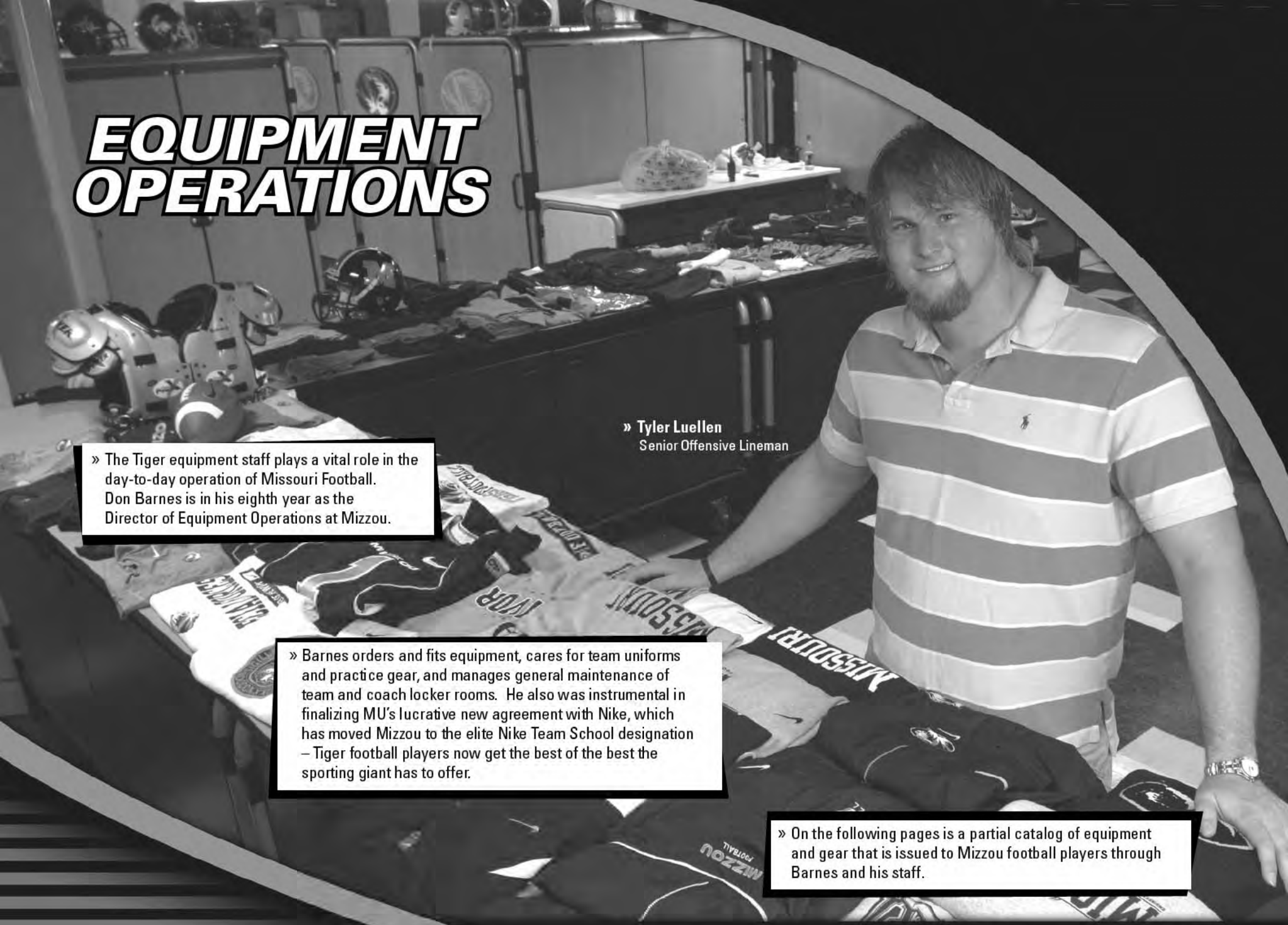
» Sports Park at MU Major Projects, 1995-2007

Project	Cost
Faurot Field Renovation	$15.2 million
Glenn McElroy Sports Medicine Center	$2.7 million
Daniel J. Devine Pavilion	$6 million
Shelden Academic Resource Center	$2.7 million
Tom Taylor Building Upgrades	$1.8 million
Audrey J. Walton Track Soccer Field Stadium	$2.8 million
Yeckel Training Center Expansion	$500,000
University Softball Field	$400,000
Ralph & Debbie Taylor/Phi Delta Theta Stadium	$2.2 million
Memorial Stadium Press Box	$13.1 million
Green Tennis Center at Mizzou	$2 million
Providence Road Pedestrian Overpass	$1.5 million
FieldTurf Installation at Faurot Field	$1 million
Mizzou Arena	$75 million
Mizzou Aquatics Center	$11 million
Mizzou Athletics Training Complex	$16 million
Field Turf Installation at Devine Pavilion	$650,000
	$155 million

» The brand new Mizzou Aquatics Center debuted on campus in 2005. It is yet another crown jewel to add to the ever-growing Sports Park at MU.

» Mizzou Arena was completed in October of 2004, and the $75 million facility gives MU arguably the finest on-campus basketball facility in the nation.

EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS



» **Tyler Luellen**
Senior Offensive Lineman

» The Tiger equipment staff plays a vital role in the day-to-day operation of Missouri Football. Don Barnes is in his eighth year as the Director of Equipment Operations at Mizzou.

» Barnes orders and fits equipment, cares for team uniforms and practice gear, and manages general maintenance of team and coach locker rooms. He also was instrumental in finalizing MU's lucrative new agreement with Nike, which has moved Mizzou to the elite Nike Team School designation – Tiger football players now get the best of the best the sporting giant has to offer.

» On the following pages is a partial catalog of equipment and gear that is issued to Mizzou football players through Barnes and his staff.

EQUIPMENT ISSUED TO TIGER FOOTBALL PLAYERS

MU000610
Cordua Pro-Vent Stretch
Home Game Jersey
010 Black

MU000612
Cordua Nylon Stretch
Home Game Pant
010 Black

MU000611
Cordua Pro-Vent Stretch
Away Game Jersey
100 White

MU000613
Cordua Nylon Stretch
Away Game Pant
100 White

2006 Sun Bowl

2005 Independence Bowl
Championship Ring

2003 Independence Bowl

MU000701
Nike Air Zoom Apocalypse III

MU000702
Nike Air Zoom Torque D

MU000703
Nike Torque D

MU000713
Nike Speed TD

MU000714
Nike Air Zoom Astro Grabber 3/4

MU000715
Nike Air Zoom Astro Grabber

MU 000730
Nike Blade II TD

MU000704
Nike Air Torque Shark

MU000705
Nike Air Torque Shark (Adult and BG)

MU000706
Nike Air Zoom Barracuda Stove

MU000707
Nike Air Zoom Barracuda

MU000711
Nike Super Speed D

MU000712
Nike Speed TD 3/4

MU000716
Nike Open Field 3/4

MU060752
Nike Super Speed D ¾

MU060756
Nike Air Zoom Huarache Elite TB

MU060758
Nike Air Zoom Super Bad

MU000719
Nike Strike Force High

MU000720
Nike Strike Force 3/4

MU000721
Nike Strike Force

MU 000735
Nike Air Zoom Apocalypse IV D

MU0607054
Nike Free Trainer 7.0

MU060760
Nike Super Speed D Low

IB 0003660
Nike Air Max Astonish

MU000722
Nike Land Shark High

MU000723
Nike Land Shark 3/4
(Adult and BG)

MU000724
Nike Land Shark (Adult and BG)

MU000745
Nike Free Trainer

MU000737
Nike Air Zoom
Boss Shark ¾ Wide

MU000731
Nike Air Astro Grabber

MU000732
Nike Vapor Jet TD

MU000734
Nike Zoom Air Vapor

MU000736
Nike Air Zoom Blade II ¾ TD

MU000741
Nike Air Max LTD Trainer

MU060762
Nike Shox Turbo +IV

MU060764
Nike Shox Saya

MU-VSR-4
Riddell Kra-Lite II
Polycarbonate Lexon
Shell • 010 Black

MU100100
Revolution Helmet
010 Black

MU000612
Schutt Pro Air II
010 Black

MU-TI-6-2B
Riddell Revolution 6-Bar
Titanium • 010 Black

MU-TI-6-3-BD
Riddell Revolution 6-Bar
Titanium • 010 Black

MU-TI-Revo Long Open
Riddell Revolution 6-Bar
Titanium • 010 Black

MU-RJOP-UB-DW
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Reinforced w/ U-Bar
010 Black

MU-NJOP-DW
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Nose, Jaw, & Oral Protection
010 Black

MU-EGJOP
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Eyeglass, Jaw, & Oral
Protection • 010 Black

MU-RJOP-UB
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Reinforced w/ U-Bar
010 Black

MU-NJOP-XL-DW
Schutt Armourguard -
Xtra Large
010 Black

MU-NJOP-SW
Schutt Armourguard -
Nose, Jaw, & Oral Protection
010 Black

MU-EGJOP-II
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Eyeglass, Jaw, & Oral
Protection • 010 Black

MU-JOP-DW
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Jaw & Oral Protection
010 Black

MU-JOP-XL
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Xtra Large •
010 Black

MU-JOP-SW
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Jaw & Oral Protection
010 Black

MU-JOP
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Jaw & Oral Protection
010 Black

MU-RJOP-SW
Schutt ArmourGuard - Reinforced •
010 Black

MU-RJOP
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Reinforced •
010 Black

MU-NJOP-XL
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Xtra Large • 010 Black

MU-EGOP
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Eyeglass & Oral Protection
010 Black

MU-OPO-DW
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Oral Protection • 010 Black

MU-RKOP
Schutt ArmourGuard -
Reinforced • 010 Black

Riddell Soft Cup Chin Strap
4 pt. Low Standard
100 White

Riddell Soft Cup Chin Strap
4 pt. Mid/High Hook-Up
100 White

Riddell Hard Cup Chin Strap
4 pt. Mid/High Hook-Up
011 Black/White

MU Pro-100
Adams Plastic Cup Lined
4 pt. High Hook-Up w/ D-Rings
011 Black/White

MU200100
Power Custom Shoulder Pads

MU200101
Power Practice Shells

MU000450
Personal Atmosair Team Travel Bag • 010 Black

MU060488
Nike B2.4 Extra Large Duffle • 010 Black

MU060489
Nike Show Team Equipment Bag • 010 Black

MU000510
Missouri Award Letter Jacket
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000434
Long Sleeve Storm Fit
010 Black

MU000438
Nylon Pullover
010 Black

MU000456
Nike Clima-fit Jacket w/ Hood
010 Black

MU060333
Nike Missouri Fit-Dri
Pre Thermal L/S Crew
010 Black

MU060900
Nike Tiger Clima-Fit Pullover
010 Black

MU000445
Therma-Fit Chest Stripe Fleece
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000439
Sueded Microfiber V-Neck
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000453
Nike Retro Nylon Lined Jacket
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000410
Woven Sweater Vest
100 White • 261 Khaki
010 Black

MU000411
Woven Tigerhead Sweater Vest
010 Black

MU000412
Woven Mizzou Sweater Vest
010 Black

MU000455
Nike Game Core Sideline Jacket
010 Black

MU000454
Nike Safety Blitz Jacket
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000428
Missouri Tigers Tee
182 Heather Grey • 100 White

MU000429
Tiger Football Tee
100 White • 182 Heather Grey

MU000420
Just Do It Tee
010 Black • 100 White

MU000422
Twin Posts Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU000424
Practice Tee 3
010 Black • 182 Heather Grey
721 Mizzou Gold

MU 000414
Nike Mizzou Power Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU050421
Mizzou Player Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU000423
MIS Direction Tee
010 Black

MU000425
Practice Tee 3
182 Heather Grey

MU000426
Practice Tee 3
100 White

IB 0003681
Nike I - Bowl Pro
Basic Mizzou Loose
010 Black

SB 06-1993
Nike Prepare Sun Bowl Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU050423
Big Team Practice Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU050424
Big Team Workout Tee
010 Black

MU000421
Football Tiger Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU000427
Mizzou Football Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU000917
Chest Stripe Polo
011 Black/White

MU000419
Dri-Fit Grid Texture Polo
100 White

MU000418
Polynosic Knit Polo
010 Black

MU000408
Full House Polo
010 White

MU000416
Chest Stripe Polo
111 White/Black

SB 06-1988
Sun Bowl Select
Classic Woven Shirt
010 Black

MU060684
Nike Tiger Quick Count Polo
700 Mizzou Gold/White

SB060876
Nike Tiger Quick Count Polo
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU060217
Nike Mizzou Sphere Dry
Roll Out Polo
011 Black/White

MU060660
Nike Tiger End Line Polo
010 Black

MU060397
Nike Tiger Dri-Fit
Open Field L/S Polo
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU060411
Nike Tiger Double Double Polo
010 Black • 100 White

MU000444
New Classic Long Sleeve Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU000443
Speed Kills L/S Tee
100 White • 010 Black

MU000440
Interlock Missouri Football
Mock
010 Black

MU 000459
Nike Missouri
United Fleece Crew
182 Heather Grey

MU 000519
Nike Pro Vent Loose Long
Sleeve Crew
721 Mizzou Gold

MU 000451
Nike Mizzou Open Field
Premiere Fleece Pant
182 Heather Grey

MU000508
Longsleeve Cotton Mock
100 White

MU000493
Heavy Pill Fleece
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU060309
Nike Missouri Franchise
Fleece Crew
010 Black

MU060646
Nike Mizzou Fundamental
1/4 Zip Fleece
010 Black

MU060604
Nike Tiger L/S Football
Training Top
782 Mizzou Gold/Heather Grey

MU060913
Nike Missouri Pro Revolution
Culture Fleece Crew
182 Heather Grey

MU060316
Nike Mizzou L/S Football
Training Crew
300 Grey/White

MU060413
Nike Tiger Premier
Half-Zip Fleece
010 Black

MU000465 • MU000466
Nike Mizzou Mercurial
Top/Bottom
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000435 • MU0004402
Tigers Football Sweats
Top/Bottom
182 Heather Grey

MU000436 • MU000448
Tiger Football Sweats
Top/Bottom
010 Black

MU0003743 • MU0003716
Nike Clima-Fit Bowl
Top/Bottom
082 Heather Grey/Black

MU000441 • MU000446
Mizzou Football Sweats
Top/Bottom
182 Heather Grey

MU000437 • MU000449
Textured Travel Sweats
Top/Bottom
010 Black

MU060119 • MU060498
Nike Tiger
Bump & Run Hoody and
Bail Out Fleece Pant

MU060393 • MU060815
Nike Tiger Conference
1/4 Zip Jersey and
Conference Short

MU060327
Nike Chill Out Microfiber
Warm Up
300 Grey/White

MU000480
Basic Dri-Fit Short Sleeve Tee
010 Black

MU000484
Longsleeve All In-All Out Tee
010 Black

MU000485
Classic Longsleeve Tee
010 Black

MU000474
Metro Survivor Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU060771
Nike Tiger Revolution Logo Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU000473
Special Forces Team Issue Tee
100 White

MU000475
Retro Edge Tee
082 Heather Grey/Black

MU000417
Nike Vapor Mizzou Tee
010 Black /182 Heather Grey

MU060515
Nike Missouri Commitment Tee
182 Heather Grey

MU000476
Varsity Block Survivor Tee
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

MU000472
Bottom Line Off-Season Tee
010 Black

MU000470
Special Forces Zone Tee
010 Black

MU000471
Scout Team Zone Tee
010 Black

MU060677
Nike Missouri Seamless SS Tee
010 Black

MU000432–433
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Dri-Fit One Tight
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Dri-Fit Nike Sphere Ace
Loose LS Crew
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Nike Dri Fit Pro
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Pro-vent Seamless Tee
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Nike Missouri Pro Max L/S Crew
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Missouri Swoosh Flex Fit Cap
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Nike 'M' Flex Fit Cap
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MU000002
Pro Knit Skully
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MU000403
Tiger Head Visor
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Flex-Fit Mesh Visor
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College Nike Visor II
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MU000011
College Nike Visor II
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Nike Feather Light Visor
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Nike Relaxed Swoop Cap
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MU000015
Wool Classic Cap
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MU000018
Dri-Fit Coaches Cap II
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MU000017
Swoosh Flex Cap
721 Mizzou Gold

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Nike NCAA Hardball Fitted Cap
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Magnigrip Gloves
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MU000201
Magnigrip Gloves
082 Grey

MU000202
Magnigrip 2 Silicon Gloves
080 Grey/Charcoal

MU000203
G-Tack Gloves
080 Grey/Charcoal

MU000204
Speedtack Receiver Gloves
080 Grey/Charcoal

MU000207
G-Tack Palm Pad Gloves
082 Grey

MU000208
D-Tack Magnigrip Gloves
082 Grey

MU000200
Magnigrip Gloves
080 Grey/Charcoal

MU000210
Textured Cold Weather Gloves
010 Black

MU000206
D-Tack II Gloves
080 Grey/Charcoal

MU000207
G-Tack Palm Pad Gloves
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SB DVP-FX1
Sony Sun Bowl Portable DVD
Walkman

SB MDR-NC60
Sony Sun Bowl
Noise Canceling Headphones
010 Black

SB 06-1986
2006 Executive Sun Bowl
Commemorative Coin

SB 06-1987
Sun Bowl Watch
2006 Timely

SB 06-1982
Nike Team Training
Sun Bowl Backpack
010 Black

TIGERS IN THE PROS

» Brandon Barnes

» CJ Mosley

» More than 200 Tigers have gone on to play professionally following their collegiate careers at Missouri.

» Missouri's all-time sack leader, Brian Smith, was selected in the fourth round of the 2007 NFL Draft, following former record-setting QB Brad Smith, who was chosen in the fourth round by the New York Jets in 2006. Offensive lineman Tony Palmer went to the St. Louis Rams in round seven that same year.

» Brad Smith

» Keith Wright

» Justin Gage

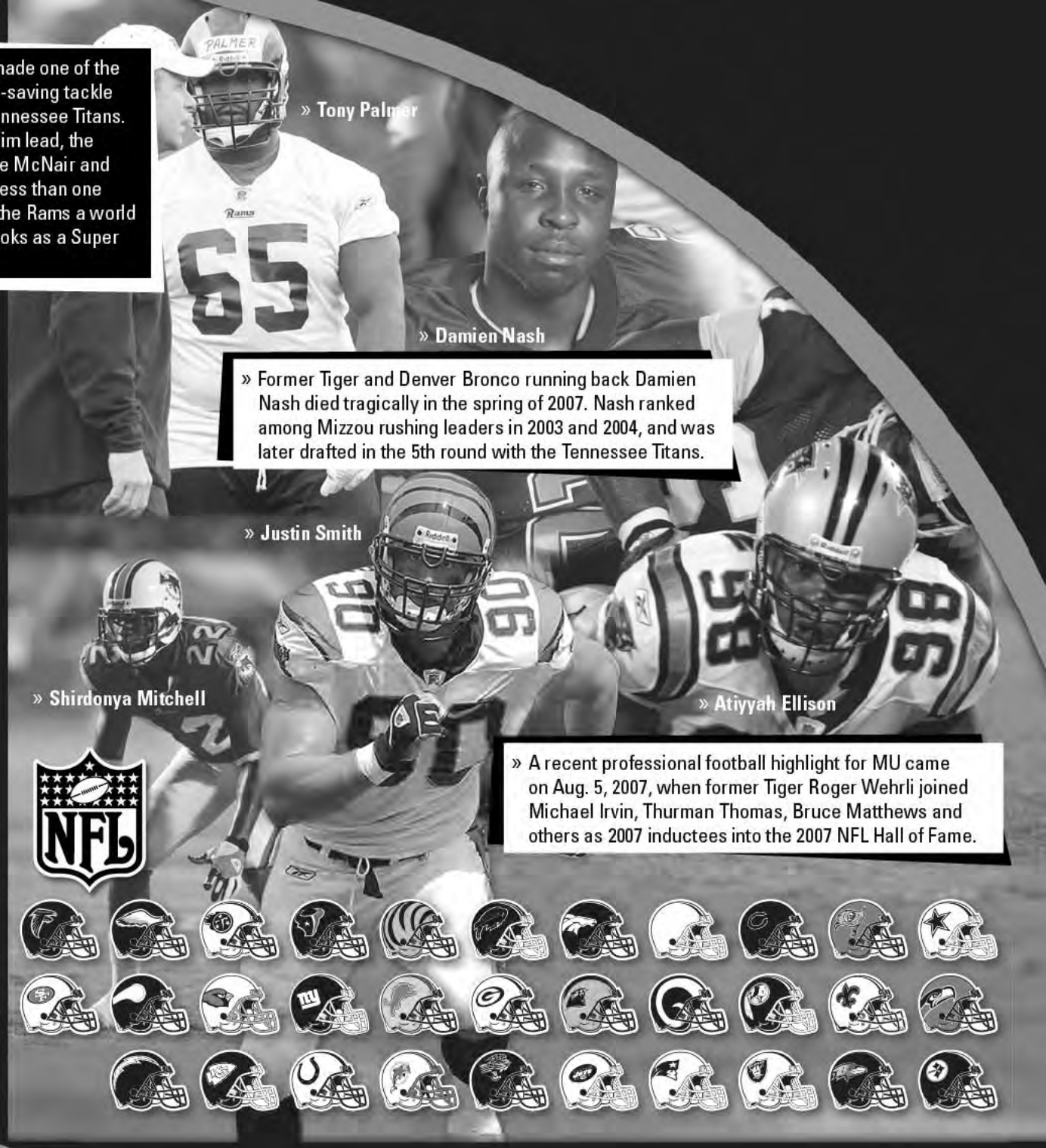
» NFL scouts and key front office personnel are regular visitors at practices and games throughout the year, as Gary Pinkel and his staff welcome them to get exposure to Tiger players.

» Rob Droege

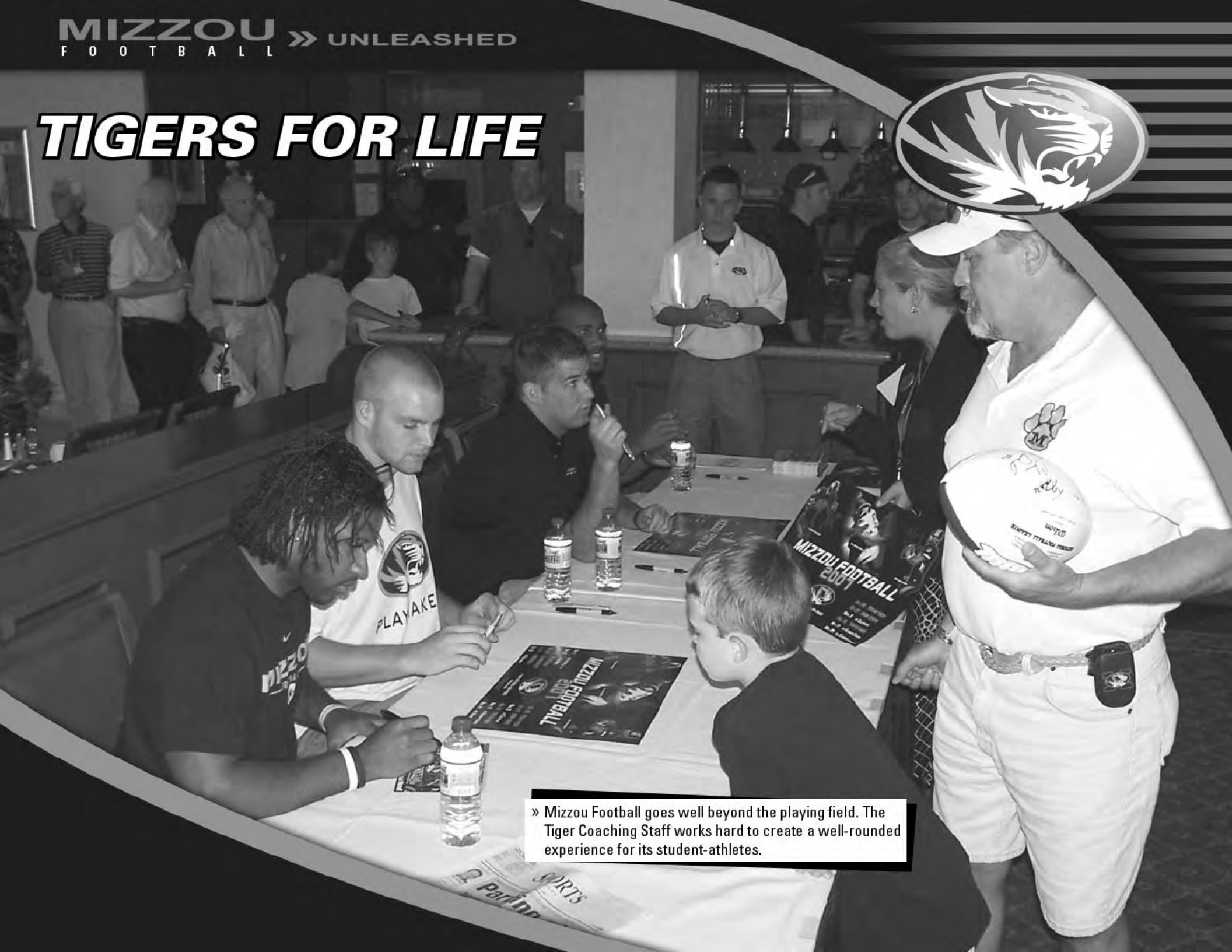
» Mizzou alum and St. Louis Rams linebacker Mike Jones made one of the biggest plays in Super Bowl history as he made the game-saving tackle in the closing seconds of Super Bowl XXIV against the Tennessee Titans. On the last play of the game, with St. Louis clinging to a slim lead, the Titans' Kevin Dyson caught a pass from quarterback Steve McNair and was heading toward the endzone. Jones stopped Dyson less than one yard shy of the endzone as the final gun sounded to give the Rams a world championship and forever etch his name in the record books as a Super Bowl hero.

As many as 21 former Tigers have been on NFL rosters recently, including:

» Atlanta Falcons
Dwayne Blakley, TE
» Baltimore Ravens
Rob Droege, OL
» Buffalo Bills
Derrick Ming, FB
» Carolina Panthers
Atiyyah Ellison, DL
Justin Gage, WR
» Chicago Bears
David Overstreet, FS
» Cincinnati Bengals
Justin Smith, DE
Xavie Jackson, DE
» Dallas Cowboys
Dedrick Harrington, LB
» Green Bay Packers
Tony Palmer, OL
» Jacksonville Jaguars
Brian Smith, DE
» Kansas City Chiefs
Zach Ville, DL
Brad Ekwerekwu, WR
» Miami Dolphins
Shirdonya Mitchell, DB
» New York Giants
Joel Clinger, OL
» New York Jets
Brad Smith, WR
CJ Mosley, DL
» San Diego Chargers
Sean Coffey, WR
» Seattle Seahawks
Michael Harden, DB
» Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Keith Wright, DL
» Washington Redskins
Brandon Barnes, LB


» Tony Palmer
» Damien Nash
» Former Tiger and Denver Bronco running back Damien Nash died tragically in the spring of 2007. Nash ranked among Mizzou rushing leaders in 2003 and 2004, and was later drafted in the 5th round with the Tennessee Titans.
» Justin Smith
» Shirdonya Mitchell
» Atiyyah Ellison
» A recent professional football highlight for MU came on Aug. 5, 2007, when former Tiger Roger Wehrli joined Michael Irvin, Thurman Thomas, Bruce Matthews and others as 2007 inductees into the 2007 NFL Hall of Fame.

TIGERS FOR LIFE



» Mizzou Football goes well beyond the playing field. The Tiger Coaching Staff works hard to create a well-rounded experience for its student-athletes.

» Mizzou Football players often make appearances in the Columbia and surrounding communities, visiting the children's hospital, reading to elementary students and spending time mentoring area youth as part of the team's Big Brother program.

» Mizzou welcomed former Oakland Raider Head Coach and NFL Hall of Famer Art Shell to Columbia. Shell spoke with team members on how to achieve their dreams of reaching the NFL and preparing each day for success.

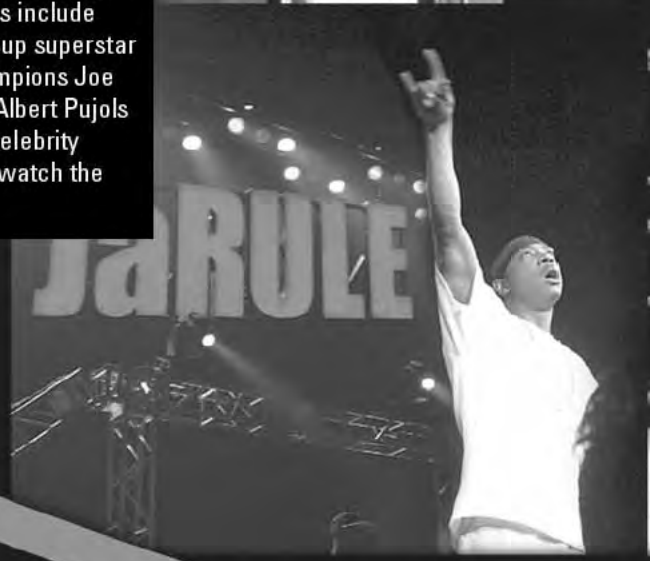
» Missouri football players made special appearances at St. Louis Cardinal and Kansas City Royals games throughout the summer.

MID-MISSOURI LIFE

» University of Missouri students have easy access to more than 5.3 million people and are centrally located in between the metropolitan hubs of Kansas City and St. Louis.

» Money Magazine ranked Columbia one of the nation's Top 10 cities to live in due to its growing population, numerous entertainment outlets and bustling night-life.

» National celebrities come to watch the Tigers play every year. The A-list visitors include ESPN's John Anderson, Nextel Cup superstar Carl Edwards, World Series champions Joe Crede (Chicago White Sox) and Albert Pujols (St. Louis Cardinals), recording celebrity Sheryl Crow and actor Brad Pitt watch the Tigers play on an annual basis.



MIZZOU AT A GLANCE

The University of Missouri-Columbia was founded in 1839 as the first public university west of the Mississippi River, the first in Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase territory.

» Chancellor
Dr. Brady J. Deaton

» Academic Units
College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
School of Natural Resources
College of Arts and Science
School of Fine Arts
School of Music
College of Business
School of Accountancy
College of Education
School of Information Science and Learning Technologies
College of Engineering
Graduate School
Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs
College of Human Environmental Sciences
School of Social Work
School of Journalism
School of Law
School of Medicine
School of Health Professions
Sinclair School of Nursing
College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Missouri Extension

» Libraries
Ellis (main), Engineering, Geology, Health Sciences, Journalism, Law, Mathematical Sciences, Veterinary Medicine—3,256,756 volumes; 6,896,250 microforms; computerized card catalog; and CD-ROMs for public use.
The collection of the MU Libraries is the largest in the state.

» Living Alumni
Worldwide: 240,386
Missouri: 117,978
St. Louis: 43,675
Kansas City: 23,471

» Enrollment (Fall 2006)
Total, 28,253; in state, 22,815; out of state, 5,438; undergraduate, 21,551; graduate and professional, 6,702. Above figures include: international, 1,414; minority, 2,966.

» Annual Undergraduate Fees
(Based on 28 Credit Hours, FY 2006)
Missouri resident, $7,308 a year; non-resident, $16,890 a year.

» Annual Room and Board (FY 2007)
Various options available. For example, a double occupancy room with 21 meals per week costs $7,000.

» Average ACT Score
25.3

» Freshman Retention Rate
84.5%

» Degrees Granted for 2005–06
6,449

» Number of Degree Programs
Total: 274
Bachelor's: 86
Master's: 93
Post-Master's Certificates: 19
First Professional: 3
Education Specialist: 6
Doctoral: 67

» Budget (FY 2006)
$1,037.5 million

Current Fund Revenue Budget for FY 2006 (in millions) — State appropriations: $203.5 (20.9%); federal appropriations: $14.8 (1.5%); grants and contracts: $186.5 (19.1%); tuition and fees: $246.4 (25.2%); enterprise-like operations: $246.6 (25.3%); gifts and endowment income: $34.7 (3.6%); miscellaneous revenue: $43.4 (4.4%)

Endowment Pool
(Year Ended June 30, 2005) — $500.3 million
Externally Funded Research (FY 2006) — $174.9 million
Research and Development Expenditures — $211.8 million (est.)

» Full-Time Employees (Benefit-Eligible)
12,394

» Member
MU belongs to the Association of American Universities and has been designated "comprehensive doctoral with medical/veterinary" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. MU is also a member of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

» Acreage
1,358 acres (main campus) 17,895 acres (total MU acreage)

» Mascot
Bengal Tiger

» Colors
Black and Gold

» Nickname
Mizzou

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visitus.missouri.edu

www.missouri.edu

VIDEO SERVICES

» Mizzou has a strong relationship with NFL teams, as scouts come in throughout the year to view film and are provided DVD highlights of Tiger players.

» **Marcus Woods**
Senior Tailback

» Mizzou's Video Services equips Tiger football players with everything they need from scouting opponents to personal performance improvement.

» Practice videos are available for review on a daily basis, immediately after practice is complete.

» Each Tiger gets two DVDs of every scouting video of upcoming opponents to help prepare for the game each week.

» Mizzou sends all of its game films to the NFL Films Dub Center, which in turn sends the footage out to all of the league's teams.

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

» Success On The Field And In The Classroom

The Big 12 Conference is synonymous with success in competitive play and in the classroom as it enters its 12th season, and league members anticipate continued success during the 2007-2008 academic year.

In the first 11 years of the Big 12, the conference has boasted 30 teams and nearly 350 individual NCAA Championships. The success continued this past season with team titles in men's cross country (Colorado) and women's volleyball (Nebraska), in addition to numerous individual crowns.

Over the past three seasons alone, Big 12 institutions have hoisted a total of 11 NCAA trophies, with at least one national crown won in 10 of 11 years for the conference, including each of the past 10 seasons.

Through the first nine Bowl Championship Series title games, the Big 12 leads all conferences with five appearances in the contest. Big 12 squads have played for the football national championship five times in the last eight years, with berths in 12 BCS games overall.

In basketball, eight mens and womens teams have advanced to their respective Final Fours in the past six seasons. The Big 12 continues its place among the elite intercollegiate athletic conferences. Numerous national honors have been won by mens and womens student-athletes during conference history, with Kevin Durant (Texas) the most recent to garner accolades as the consensus 2007 National Player of the Year.

The Big 12 and its member institutions are committed to a competitive environment where sportsmanship and fair play take center stage. Whether on the field, in the classroom or within the community, student-athletes, administrators, coaches and game officials of the Big 12 support the highest ideals in sportsmanship.

Competitive excellence, scholarship and sportsmanship are all equal components of the Big 12 philosophy. Members selected for All-Big 12 teams and Academic All-Big 12 squads are recognized for each sport at the end the season.

At the end of each academic year, the Conference honors its top male and female student-athletes with the Big 12 Athlete of the Year and Big 12 Sportsperson of the Year awards.

Institutions can also nominate student-athletes for the prestigious Dr. Prentice Gautt Postgraduate Scholarships at the end of each academic year. A total of 177 scholars have received more than $1 million in postgraduate financial aid in the first 10 years of the program.

The Big 12 sponsors 21 sports. Mens squads include baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field, swimming & diving, tennis and wrestling. Womens teams are basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis and volleyball.

The conference is made up of 12 institutions that have shared many traditional rivalries throughout their histories. Member schools include Baylor University, University of Colorado, Iowa State University, University of Kansas, Kansas State University, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, University of Texas, Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University.

The institutions created a league that encompasses seven states, over 42 million people and more than 18 million television households within its geographic footprint.

The conference conducts championships for 20 of its 21 sports. Each championship helps to determine teams and/or individuals that will represent the Conference in national postseason competition. The winner of the Big 12 football championship game earns the league's berth into the prestigious Bowl Championship Series.

In its 12-year history, the conference has distributed $913.2 million to its 12 member institutions.

The Big 12 staff administrators supervise over 4,600 student-athletes in 21 sports. The conference is headquartered in Irving, Texas.

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2007 SEASON PREVIEW

The Missouri Tiger football program is moving its way up the rungs of the Big 12 Conference ladder and looking for even bigger things in 2007. With the vast majority of one of the nation's most explosive offensive attacks returning to the mix this year, coupled with a host of proven performers and promising newcomers on both defense and special teams, all of the elements seem to be in place.

Head Coach Gary Pinkel's squad is coming off an eight-win season in 2006 (for only the 10th time in school history) and its third bowl game appearance in the last four seasons. The Tigers return 15 starters total from a year ago (eight on offense, five on defense, two specialists), and after being ranked for a large portion of the season in 2006, expectations continue to rise for the program.

When pre-season magazines hit the newsstands in the summer, Mizzou was the favorite to challenge defending Big 12 North Division champion Nebraska for the title in 2007 (a division title would be MU's first conference championship since 1969). The current Tigers will also be gunning for their third consecutive bowl game appearance, something that hasn't happened in Columbia since 1979-1981.

Expectations are high inside the Tiger program, as MU has enjoyed success over the last four years, showing that the program turned a corner from only two winning seasons from 1984-2002. Pinkel's squad has compiled a combined record of 28-21 over the last four campaigns, and has finished second in the Big 12 North standings each of the last three seasons.

In all, six of MU's 11 Division I-A opponents (Kansas State, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Western Michigan) went to bowl games a year ago, and their combined record in 2006 was 52-28.

But before all of the dreams for greatness can be realized, Mizzou must go through the paces of two-a-days that follow up a successful set of spring practices and summer conditioning workouts.

Pinkel said the culture of his program is right where he feels it needs to be heading into his seventh year at Mizzou.

"The enthusiasm, leadership and attitude has been as good as it's ever been," he said. "I feel that we have some great leadership on this team. You have a bunch of unselfish guys that want to do the right things and get their teammates to follow their lead. I think that now that we've had some consistency of winning, the guys get a taste of that, and now they just want more.

"Now we're at the point where all you can do is just work harder than you've ever worked before. There's lots of little things that we can do as coaches and players in terms of fundamentals and mental toughness and physical strength, but in order to take that next step, what it really boils down to is just elevating the level of effort," he said.

With that assessment, here is a breakdown of each position group for Mizzou as it heads into fall camp...

» THE OFFENSE

If the old axiom that offense sells tickets rings true this fall, then Mizzou should have very few empty seats at Memorial Stadium in 2007. That's because Tiger fans will be treated to what is likely to be one of the nation's most explosive and exciting offensive attacks. Mizzou returns eight starters from a unit that ranked eighth in the nation in total offense a year ago (425.6 yards per game). In all, returning to the fold in 2007 for MU is 98% of its yards from scrimmage (5,414-of-5,533).

This will mark the third year of Mizzou's version of the spread offense. This attack has produced two of the most prolific offensive seasons in school history, amassing 10,690 yards of offense and averaging 30.4 points per game combined in 2005 and 2006.

"I think we were a very good offensive team a year ago," Pinkel said. "I think the numbers bear that out, anytime you finish in the top-10 in total offense, you're doing some pretty good things. The biggest thing we need to improve on is consistency, but anytime you have a first-year starter like we did last year, it isn't shocking to have some of that come into play.

"Now that we have a guy in Chase Daniel who has been in the heat of battle before – along with a majority of our starters coming back – we're looking at a lot of different things, and the challenge is to be better in 2007 than we were in 2006. We've done a lot of analysis in the off-season and have been looking at little things we can do to help the structure of the offense, but in my mind, improving on our fundamentals is how we can get better. We'll need to shore up some things on our offensive line after losing a couple of starters, but everywhere else we have a lot of playmakers that we just need to continue to improve in our offensive scheme and continue to compete against each other to make us better," he said.

» OFFENSIVE LINE

Lettermen Lost (2 w/22 starts in '06)	Lettermen Returning (6 w/43 starts in '06)
Joel Clinger***(RT-13)	Colin Brown*
Mike Cook***(RG-9)	Kurtis Gregory*
David Lazaroff*	Tyler Luellen***(LT-13)
Louis Pintola*	Ryan Madison*(LG-10)
	Adam Spieker***(C-13)
	Monte Wyrick**(RG-4/LG-3)

Officially, Mizzou returns three starters on the offensive line from a unit which helped pave the way for the nation's eighth-ranked offense. That trio includes seniors Adam Spieker (center) and Tyler Luellen (left tackle), who will both be in their fourth year as starters, along with junior Ryan Madison (left guard). A fourth veteran lineman, senior right guard Monte Wyrick, with plenty of starting experience also returns to the fold, who made seven starts a year ago (including four at right guard and three at left guard) before Madison established himself at the latter position.

Gone from the line are the starters from the right side, in guard Mike Cook and tackle Joel Clinger. Clinger developed into a solid performer over the years, as he earned first-team All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches a year ago. With Wyrick already having starting experience at right guard, replacing Clinger at the tackle position will be key to keeping the offense humming.

Sophomore Kurtis Gregory, who played in all 13 games a year ago as an impressive-looking redshirt freshman, moved to right guard during spring ball, and enters fall camp locked in a heated battle with Wyrick for the top spot. Gregory missed spring drills after elective surgery in the off-season to clean up injuries to his shoulder and knee, but he's healthy and ready to hold onto the top spot on the depth chart that he claims heading into camp.

In looking to replace Clinger – who signed a free agent contract with the NFL's New York Giants – all eyes will turn to sophomore Dain Wise, who enters fall camp at number one on the depth chart at right tackle. Wise played in five games a year ago at that position as a redshirt freshman, and he followed up with an impressive spring session.

Spieker and Luellen should challenge for all-league honors in 2007 as the veterans on the line, and Spieker will likely begin his senior season on the short list of pre season candidates for the Rimington Award, which goes annually to the nation's top center.

Other potential contributors on the left side of the line include junior Colin Brown at tackle, and sophomore James Stigall and redshirt freshman Jesse Hernandez at guard (both moving over from center in the spring). Backing up Wise at right tackle includes senior Chris Tipton and redshirt freshman Mike Prince, while highly-touted redshirt freshman Tim Barnes has moved to center, where he'll serve as the primary understudy to Spieker.

» QUARTERBACK

Lettermen Lost	Lettermen Returning
(1 w/0 starts in '06)	(1 w/13 starts in '06)
Brandon Coleman*	Chase Daniel** (13)

At this time a year ago, Chase Daniel was faced with the unenviable task of replacing legendary Tiger quarterback Brad Smith. As difficult as that was thought to be, Daniel might have an even tougher task in 2007 – out-doing himself. That's because as a first-year starter in 2006, the Southlake, Texas, native broke numerous game and season passing and total offense records in leading MU to an eight-win season.

Daniel belied his youth a year ago, as he stepped in and immediately assumed full command of the Tiger offense, throwing MU-record five touchdown passes in his first collegiate start, and ending the year with school records in passing touchdowns (28), passing yards (3,527) and total offense (3,906), among others.

The question in 2007 is what can Daniel do to make himself and the Tiger offense even better than a year ago, when it ranked eighth nationally in total yardage? However he does it, Tiger fans are undoubtedly excited about the future of Mizzou's spread attack with Daniel at the helm.

While Daniel will be the focal point of the Tiger quarterbacks, an interesting battle for primary backup duties took place over the spring. Gone is program veteran Brandon Coleman, and waiting in the wings to earn playing time are junior Chase Patton and redshirt freshmen Dominic Grooms and J.P. Tillman.

Patton will be a junior in 2007, and the Columbia, Mo., native begins fall camp as the clear backup to Daniel – a position he earned with a very strong spring period that he capped with an impressive day in the annual spring game (192 yards passing and 2 TDs). He saw action in one game a year ago, and is the only Tiger signal caller other than Daniel to have game experience.

Behind Patton on the depth chart entering fall camp are Grooms and Tillman, a pair of gifted redshirt freshmen who showed a year ago in practice that they have abilities that will help them challenge for playing time. Grooms begins camp listed third on the depth chart, and is a dual run-pass threat, along the lines of Brad Smith, while Tillman has the size and arm strength to make a move up the depth chart from his number four position.

» TAILBACK

Lettermen Lost	Lettermen Returning
(None)	(4 w/13 starts in '06)
	Earl Goldsmith** (1)
	Jimmy Jackson**
	Tony Temple** (12)
	Marcus Woods***

Mizzou is stocked at the tailback position, as it returns four letter-winners from the position a year ago, and has a nice mix of proven veterans to get the job done.

Leading the way is senior Tony Temple, who had a break-out season in 2006, as he developed into MU's feature back by rushing for 1,063 yards and seven touchdowns on the season. He eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark with a 194-yard, two-touchdown outing in the Sun Bowl against Oregon State, and he enters the 2007 campaign as the leading returning rusher in the Big 12 Conference.

Jockeying for playing time along with Temple is a stable of backs who all bring something to the table. Heading into fall camp, junior Jimmy Jackson is listed second on the depth chart, along with popular senior Marcus Woods, with junior Earl Goldsmith at number four.

Jackson rushed for 123 yards and one score in 2006, while Woods, who has 13 career starts (10 in 2005, three in 2004), has been in the battles before and is a proven performer who needs just 53 more rushing yards to reach 1,000 for his Tiger career.

Goldsmith enters fall camp listed fourth on the depth chart after missing the last three games of the 2006 season with a broken hand. Prior to that, the upcoming junior rushed for 109 yards and caught five passes out of the backfield (for an 11.8-yard average), and made his first career start at Nebraska.

All four tailbacks have factored into the punt and kick return games last season and before, and all will likely try their hand in some fashion again during the spring.

» WIDE RECEIVER

Lettermen Lost	Lettermen Returning
(2 w/7 starts in '06)	(2 w/27 starts in '06)
Brad Ekwerekwu**** (H-7)	Danario Alexander*
Andrew Hoskins*	Will Franklin*** (X-11)
	Jared Perry* (X-2)
	Jason Ray**
	Tommy Saunders** (Z-13)

Mizzou will return one of the best and deepest group of wide receivers in the Big 12, and possibly the nation in 2007. The program returns two starters from a year ago, along with a third who was one of the league's best freshmen in 2006, and a fourth who showed he could be an impact player late in the year.

In 2006, Mizzou's wideouts combined to catch 166 passes for 2,339 yards and 15 touchdowns. The Tigers return virtually all of that production for 2007, including 81 percent of its receptions (134-of-166), 83 percent of its yardage (1,909-of-2,339) and 87 percent of its touchdowns (13-of-15) from a year ago.

Senior Will Franklin emerged as one of the Big 12 Conference's most productive receivers in 2006, as he caught 48 passes for a team-best 829 yards and six touchdowns in just over 10 games. The St. Louis, Mo., native would have had even bigger numbers, but suffered a season-ending shoulder injury in the first series of game number 11 at Iowa State, and missed the rest of the year. Despite the injury, Franklin still won honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors; he showed in spring ball that he is healed and fully ready to go for his senior campaign, where he enters camp listed at number one on the depth chart at the X-receiver position.

WR Will Franklin

Junior Tommy Saunders emerged as a starter in 2006 at the Z-receiver spot, and he delivered with 25 catches for 271 yards and two touchdowns, as he became arguably the most sure-handed of the Tiger wideouts. He enters fall camp atop the depth chart at the Z-receiver position once again.

With the sole loss of Brad Ekwerekwu (32 catches, 430 yards and two touchdowns in 2006) to graduation, sophomore Danario Alexander will slide over to the H-receiver slot, where he holds down the top spot on the depth chart heading into fall camp, after an impressive spring session. Alexander caught 15 passes for 251 yards and one touchdown, with the vast majority of his production coming late in the year, as he had an 84-yard outing at Nebraska and later caught a 74-yard touchdown pass in MU's bowl game. He's backed up on the depth chart by highly-heralded redshirt freshman Jeremy Maclin. As one of the most highly-touted signees from MU's 2006 class, Maclin was expected to challenge for playing time last year, and by all accounts, he was living up to the hype. But a knee injury suffered just before fall camp opened knocked him out for the season. After surgery and a rigorous rehabilitation period, Maclin showed he's rearing to go, as he had a productive spring camp, and he enters fall listed second on the depth at the H-receiver position behind Alexander.

Sophomore Jared Perry enters fall drills listed second on the depth chart at X-receiver behind Franklin, and he'll look to build on a very successful 2006 season. Perry emerged right away as someone to count on to make plays, and he ended the year leading all Big 12 freshmen with 37 catches for 429 yards and three scores, while earning honorable-mention freshman All-American honors.

Seniors Jason Ray (6 catches, 50 yards in 2006) and Greg Bracey (3 catches, 79 yards, one TD) help add to the depth, as Ray has perhaps the best hands on the team while Bracey is the fastest Tiger. The duo begins fall camp listed as co-number two at the Z-receiver spot.

» TIGHT END

Lettermen Lost	Lettermen Returning
(1 w/0 starts in '06)	(3 w/19 starts in '06)
DeQuincy Howard***	Chase Coffman** (6)
	Jon Gissinger*
	Martin Rucker*** (13)

It's hard to imagine any team in the country having a better pair of tight ends than senior Martin Rucker and junior Chase Coffman, and Tiger fans get to enjoy the dynamic duo one more year in 2007. Just how dynamic was the Rucker-Coffman combination? Together, they teamed in 2006 to catch 111 passes for 1,149 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Both ends will begin the year on the pre-season watch list for the Mackey Award, which goes annually to the nation's top tight end – and for good reason. Coffman led MU with 58 catches and nine touchdowns in 2006, also going for 638 yards (all totals marking MU season records for the position). He was a first-team All-Big 12 pick by league media after leading all Big 12 tight ends in production, and ranking among the top 10 in the nation. An excellent all-around athlete, Coffman even got into the passing act a year ago, as he threw a 29-yard touchdown pass on a trick play in MU's bowl game against Oregon State.

TE Chase Coffman

Rucker was right behind Coffman in overall production, as he also earned first team All-Big 12 honors (by league coaches) for a season that saw him catch 53 passes for 511 yards and five touchdowns.

Rucker looked into the possibility of bypassing his final year of eligibility to enter the NFL Draft this spring, but after consulting with league officials, he chose to stay at Mizzou for his senior season. That was great news indeed for Tiger fans that have seen Rucker make play after play in the most prolific tight end career in school history, that includes 119 catches, 1,341 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Rucker has started all 36 games of his collegiate career, and enters the fall listed at number one on the depth chart. While Coffman is technically number two on the depth, he started six games a year ago, and has seven career starts in all.

Not to be forgotten is sophomore Jon Gissinger, who earned a letter in 2006 with his valuable play on various special teams units. While he hasn't seen the field much yet on offense, he has shown the past two years that he can be a playmaker at the tight end position. He also is a talented long snapper who could possibly work his way into the mix there in 2007.

» THE DEFENSE

Defensively, Mizzou made strides in 2006 as it improved in most statistical categories from a year ago, and the play of the defense was definitely a factor in Mizzou getting out to a 6-0 start last season. The Tigers ranked fourth in the Big 12 Conference in scoring defense (19.54 ppg) and allowed more than 21 points just four times on the season. In all, Mizzou ranked third in the conference (39th nationally) in total defense, allowing 320.23 yards per game – almost a 50 yard-per-game improvement from 2005.

What's more, visible signs of improvement show as Mizzou led the nation in total defense four games into the season (175.25 ypg). Unfortunately, several untimely injuries hit in the middle of the year kept the unit from keeping up its fast start.

DT Ziggy Hood

In 2007, Mizzou has a bit of a rebuilding job in its defense, as the Tigers lose six starters from 2006, including two of the most accomplished pass rushing defensive ends in school history (Brian Smith and Xzavie Jackson), two of its three starting linebackers (Dedrick Harrington and Marcus Bacon) and both starting safeties (David Overstreet and Brandon Massey).

The good news is that while only five starters return technically, two other very talented players with starting experience for MU and a bunch of other newcomers are waiting in the wings. Included in the newcomer group are six brand-new January enrollees (four from junior college and two from high school) that participated in spring ball in order to get a head start on the acclimation process.

"Overall last year, I feel that we were a good defensive football team, but there's no question we have to get better against the run," Pinkel said. "We have to become a better run defense. We have to continue to develop our speed rush as you saw last year how our defense changed when we lost Smitty (defensive end Brian Smith) to that injury in the middle of the year," he said.

"Defense is a little different situation overall than offense, in that we lost a lot of starters, but we feel good that we have a lot of guys coming back with some experience who can play," Pinkel said. "We also have some good prospects who were here for the spring who will help the competition, and having them early like we did is a huge plus for the defense. Sorting out the depth on the defensive line will be one of the keys, we need to find our best eight guys there who can play," he said.

» DEFENSIVE LINE

Lettermen Lost (5 w/28 starts in '06)	Lettermen Returning (7 w/24 starts in '06)
Josh Barbo**	Jaron Baston*
Xzavie Jackson**** (DE-12)	Steven Blair**
DeMarcus Scott** (DT-3/DE-1)	Tommy Chavis*
Brian Smith**** (DE-8)	Tarell Corby*
Jamar Smith** (DT-3/NT-1)	Ziggy Hood** (DT-6/NT-1)
Stryker Sulak** (DE-5)	
Lorenzo Williams*** (NT-11/DT-1)	

Mizzou returns half of its starters in the trenches for 2007, with the interior coming back to offset the loss of end starters Brian Smith and Xzavie Jackson, who finished their Tiger careers ranked number one and number seven all-time in quarterback sacks. Smith was ultimately a fourth-round selection in the 2007 NFL Draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars, while Jackson signed a free agent contract with the Cincinnati Bengals.

While their loss will be tough to reconcile, senior nosetackle Lorenzo Williams and junior tackle Ziggy Hood will lead the way while others find their niche. Williams was an honorable-mention All-Big 12 pick in 2006 after registering career highs in most categories including tackles (53), tackles for loss (10.5), sacks (6.0), and hurries (7). He also blocked two kicks on special teams, and recovered three fumbles while forcing two more.

Hood was on his way last year to a monster sophomore season, only to see his progress stalled due to a foot injury that forced him to miss three games, and play the remainder of the year not quite at 100 percent. Despite that, Hood still managed 36 tackles, 4.0 sacks and two forced fumbles while starting seven times overall on the interior.

Junior Stryker Sulak will look to take over one of the vacated starting jobs at defensive end, and has plenty of experience to do just that. Sulak has 11 career starts under his belt, including five in 2006, as he ranked ninth on the team with 51 tackles and tied for the team lead with three recovered fumbles.

Joining Sulak atop the depth chart heading into the fall on the other end of the line is junior Tommy Chavis, who played in all 13 games a year ago in his first year in the program. Chavis became a bigger factor on the line last year as the season went on, playing on both the inside and end at times. He made a huge stop on a 4th-and-goal situation early in the game against Kansas State that helped turn the momentum to MU's side.

Sophomores Jaron Baston and Tarell Corby return as letter-winners on the line looking to step up their roles in 2007. Both natives of Kansas City, Mo., the duo earned their first letters a year ago, with Baston playing in all 13 games at nosetackle, while Corby played in 12 games primarily on special teams and also at defensive end. They enter fall camp listed number two on the depth chart at the aforementioned positions.

As many as five defensive line newcomers on the depth chart head into fall camp who coaches expect to challenge for significant playing time in 2007, including three who redshirted a year ago, and two junior college standouts who transferred to Mizzou in January.

At defensive end, redshirt freshmen John Stull and Bart Coslet have high expectations from the Tiger coaching staff to help contribute in various ways this season. They are both listed third on opposite sides of the line, behind Sulak and Chavis, respectively. Joining them on the highly-anticipated newcomer list is tackle Charles Gaines, who redshirted a year ago after transferring to MU from Lincoln University and wreaked havoc on a daily basis against the offensive in practice a year ago. Gaines enters the fall listed second on the depth chart at tackle behind Hood, and he is officially a senior, but could eventually play another year pending a successful hardship appeal to the NCAA following the 2007 season.

Last but not least, a highly-touted pair of junior college early enrollees who participated in spring drills are hoping to earn playing time in the fall. Junior tackle Andy Maples was ranked by one service as the nation's number three junior college defensive lineman when he signed with MU. He'll enter fall camp listed third on the depth chart behind Williams and Baston at nosetackle, but he showed during spring ball that he's got the potential to make an impact.

The other January enrollee from whom Tiger coaches are hoping to see immediate contributions is junior defensive end Jaysen Corbett. Ranked as the nation's number 12 junior college end prospect by one outlet, Corbett will begin fall drills listed second at one end position, after moving up from fourth, where he started spring drills.

» LINEBACKER

Lettermen Lost	Lettermen Returning
(2 w/26 starts in '06)	(5 w/11 starts in '06)
Marcus Bacon**** (WLB-13)	Van Alexander**
Dedrick Harrington**** (MLB-13)	Brock Christopher** (SLB-11)
	Connell Davis*
	Steve Redmond*
	Sean Weatherspoon*

Much like the defensive line in front of them, the linebacker position will be going through a retooling phase in 2007. Gone are multi-year starters Dedrick Harrington and Marcus Bacon, the latter of whom won first-team All-Big 12 honors in 2006 for his stellar play. Replacing that duo will be a key element to what takes place during spring camp.

Returning for his junior season is 2006 starter Brock Christopher. The Kearney, Mo. native had a break-out year in his sophomore campaign, as he started 11 times at the strongside linebacker spot, and was fourth on the team with 87 tackles. He added 6.5 tackles for loss, broke up three passes and forced two fumbles as well. Christopher moved over to his more natural middle linebacker spot in the spring, where he looked very comfortable and ready to anchor the Tiger defense.

Filling in around Christopher will be a group of players with solid experience as well as some exciting newcomers, and getting them ready for the rigors of the Big 12 Conference will be the task at hand for the Tiger coaching staff.

Heading into fall camp, sophomore Sean Weatherspoon is listed atop the depth chart at the weakside linebacker position. Weatherspoon impressed enough in 2006 to play in all 13 games as a true freshman, mostly as a reserve and on special teams, where he blocked a punt in the season opener.

At the strongside linebacker position, veteran Van Alexander is rearing to go after having injury issues that limited his 2006 production. The junior was slated as the starter at the strongside spot heading into last year, but he had a severe groin/hip problem that took most of the season to recover from. The Columbia, Mo., native saw action in seven games, but is ready now to show why he is listed atop the depth chart after an impressive spring practice period.

Backing up Alexander on the depth heading into fall camp is junior Steve Redmond, who had an impressive enough spring camp to earn the team's coach awarded, most improved linebacker award. The Kansas City, Mo., native played in all 13 games a year ago, mostly in reserve action, and coaches feel he's ready to step into a much bigger role in 2007. Behind Redmond on the depth at strongside linebacker is redshirt freshman prospect Marquis Booker, who is returning from an injury (broken knee cap) that wiped out his 2006 season.

LB Brock Christopher

Two wild-cards in the linebacking mix are true freshmen Michael Keck and Luke Lambert, both very highly-recruited prep stars who graduated from high school last December and enrolled in January at Mizzou. They became the first freshmen to enroll early under Pinkel, and they were both very impressive from day one in their first go-around with spring drills. After starting low on the depth chart in the spring, they impressed enough to jump two spots to second, at weakside and middle, respectively, heading into fall camp.

Keck was a Parade All-American out of Harrisonville, Mo., and was widely considered the top prospect in the state of Missouri and one of the top-12 linebacker prospects in the nation by various recruiting outlets.

Lambert was a consensus top-10 talent in Missouri and was regarded by most as a top-50 national linebacker recruit out of Brookfield, Mo.

Behind Keck on the depth is former Tiger tailback Connell Davis, who moved over to defense during spring camp, and showed natural ability and willingness to play the position and deliver the hits. Listed third on the depth at middle linebacker is junior Quran Barge, who redshirted a year ago after transferring to MU from the College of the Sequoias as part of MU's recruiting class of 2006. He missed a large portion of spring drills, recovering from a personal health situation, but he's fully cleared to play in the fall, and he has the ability to provide quality depth.

» SAFETIES

Lettermen Lost
(3 w/13 starts in '06)
Brandon Massey*** (SS-10)
Darren Meade*
David Overstreet**** (FS-13)

Lettermen Returning
(2 w/5 starts in '06)
Pig Brown* (NICK-1)
William Moore** (SS-3/NICK-1)

Mizzou also faces some rebuilding at safety, as veteran standouts David Overstreet and Brandon Massey are gone to graduation after combining for 23 starts a year ago. The Tiger defense, however, does have two proven performers with some starting experience ready to step into the fold in junior William Moore and senior Cornelius "Pig" Brown.

Moore begins fall ball listed number one on the depth chart at the free safety position. He started four times last year at strong safety, and made plenty of plays over the year, as he ranked ninth on the team with 51 tackles. He also ranked second on the squad with eight passes broken up, and he returned an interception for a key touchdown at Texas Tech that helped spur the Tigers to a road victory.

Brown came to Mizzou last year out of Reedly (Calif.) Community College and provided a big impact in his first year with the program, as he made 40 tackles in 12 games, including one start at Texas Tech. Before suffering an ankle injury midway through the year that hobbled him a little bit, Brown also showed potent ability in the punt return game – he returned a long one for a score against Ole Miss, only to have it called back due to a penalty. Brown begins fall drills listed number one on the depth at the strong safety position.

Backing up Moore at free safety is junior Mack Breed. Breed is coming off a strong showing during spring drills, and he's someone with a lot of physical ability who will need to get beyond various past injury problems that have haunted him. Behind Breed on the depth are program veterans Travis Cardoza and Kevin Duncan.

Justin Garrett, another mid-year junior college transfer is listed second on the depth behind Brown at strong safety heading into fall camp. Garrett came to Mizzou from Pasadena (Calif.) City College, and was ranked by one outlet as the number six junior college safety in the country. He had a strong spring period and showed he can be counted on in 2007.

Sophomore Del Howard is listed third on the depth behind Brown at strong safety heading into the fall. Howard, who lined up at cornerback a year ago, played in 12 games in 2006 as a true freshman, and showed that he was a playmaker, as he was second on the team with two interceptions despite his reserve status. He also looked to be one of the hardest hitters on the squad, after making several big hits over the season.

» CORNERBACKS

Lettermen Lost
(1 w/5 starts in '06)
Domonique Johnson** (5)

Lettermen Returning
(4 w/21 starts in '06)
Del Howard*
Hardy Ricks* (8)
Paul Simpson*
Darnell Terrell** (13)

CB Darnell Terrell

The Tigers return starters at both cornerback positions for 2007, and have a good combination of experienced players and highly-touted newcomers to add to the competition.

On one side is senior standout Darnell Terrell, who begins the season as MU's feature corner. The St. Louis, Mo., native had a breakout season in 2006, as he led the team with nine pass break ups and ranked sixth overall on the team with 58 tackles on the way to earning honorable mention All-Big 12 honors.

On the other side of the field is sophomore Hardy Ricks, another St. Louis native who started eight times in 2006 at cornerback opposite Terrell. Ricks was thrown into the fire a year ago, and despite injury situations, he performed admirably when called upon. With another year of seasoning, he's expected to help solidify the position.

Filling out the depth chart behind Terrell heading into the fall are Castine Bridges, Tremane Vaughns and Kevin Rutland. Bridges is a junior college transfer who was able to take a redshirt a year ago, and will have two years to play two at Mizzou. He had an impressive spring practice period that saw him win the coaches' award of most improved cornerback.

Another mid-year junior college transfer hopes to move up the depth chart quickly is junior Tremane Vaughns. Vaughns originally signed with Mizzou as part of the 2006 class, but was delayed in getting to campus until this January. After a solid spring with the squad, Tiger coaches have him third on the depth chart at one cornerback position, and also hope to use his considerable skills in the kick and punt return games. Rutland, who played at safety last year with the scout team, begins fall ball listed fourth on the depth at corner, and the redshirt freshman is one of the fastest Tigers on the team.

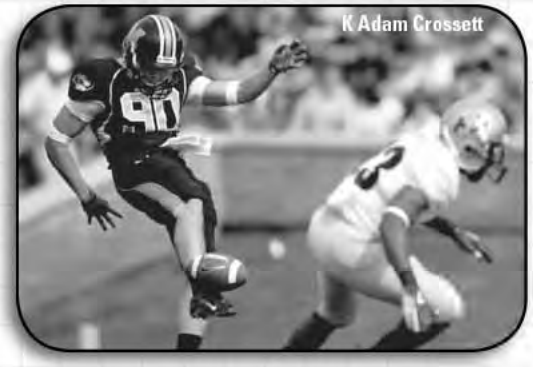
On the other side of the field behind Ricks, the depth chart shows Paul Simpson and La'Roderick Thomas. Simpson is a senior who played in all 13 games a year ago in his first year with the program after transferring from junior college. Thomas is a redshirt freshman who showed considerable skills playing on the scout team throughout 2006, and who hopes to make an impact in his first year on the field for the Tiger defense.

» KICKERS

Lettermen Lost	Lettermen Returning
(1 w/0 starts in '06)	(2 w/26 starts in '06)
Trace Teas*	Adam Crossett*** (P-13)
Jeff Wolfert* (PK-13)	

The kicking game for Mizzou was improved and very dependable a year ago, and the Tigers will benefit from having both their placekicker and punters back for another year in 2007.

Junior Jeff Wolfert will be back to handle placekicking duties after turning into one of the great underdog success stories in all of college football a year ago. Wolfert came out of virtually nowhere to win the starting job in fall camp, and the former walk-on who came to MU on a diving scholarship eventually became a Groza Award semi-finalist and ended the 2006 season with MU records of 18 field goals (on 20 attempts) and 99 points.


K Adam Crossett

Senior Adam Crossett focused on punting and kickoff duties a year ago, after handling all three aspects of the kicking game in 2005 and parts of 2004. After averaging 42.7 yards per punt in 2005, his numbers were down slightly a year ago (39.4). However, a lot of that had to do with the success of MU's offense, as many of his punts were designed to be sky kicks. Crossett has the leg to get the job done, as he ranks fourth of all-time at MU with his career punting average of 40.9 yards in his four seasons. He will also likely serve as the Tigers' backup placekicker come fall.

» 2007 Squad Breakdown

Starters Returning	15
Starters Lost	9
Lettermen Returning	39
Lettermen Lost	20

Offense

Starters Returning	8
Starters Lost	3
Lettermen Returning	20
Lettermen Lost	8

Defense

Starters Returning	5
Starters Lost	6
Lettermen Returning	17
Lettermen Lost	11

Specialists (Kicker/Punter)

Starters Returning	2
Starters Lost	0
Lettermen Returning	2
Lettermen Lost	1

No.	Last	First	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)
4	Aldridge	James	DB	5-7	165	Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Blue Springs South)
81	Alexander	Danario*	WR	6-4	205	So.	Marlin, Texas
5	Alexander	Van**	LB	6-0	230	Jr.	Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge)
32	Barge	Quran	LB	6-0	215	Jr.	Camden, N.J. (Catholic/Col. of the Sequoias)
62	Barnes	Tim	OL	6-4	305	RSFr.	Marshall, Mo. (Pettis County Northwest)
96	Baston	Jaron*	DL	6-1	295	So.	Blue Springs, Mo.
67	Beasley	J.T.	OL	6-2	275	Fr.	Dyersburg, Tenn.
49	Biship	Joshua	TE	5-10	200	So.	St. Louis, Mo. (Maplewood-Richmond Hts./Illinois Col.)
95	Blair	Steven**	DL	6-3	235	Sr.	Godfrey, Ill. (Marquette Catholic)
30	Booker	Marquis	LB	6-1	235	RSFr.	Ardmore, Okla.
70	Bowen	Gordon	OL	6-1	300	So.	Memphis, Tenn. (Germantown)
85	Bracey	Greg	WR	6-2	215	Sr.	Milwaukee, Wisc. (Vincent)
24	Breed	Mack	S	6-1	205	Jr.	San Antonio, Texas (John Jay)
21	Bridges	Castine	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	Richmond, Calif. (Pinole Valley/Diablo Valley)
61	Brown	Colin*	OL	6-8	325	Jr.	Braymer, Mo.
13	Brown	Cornelius*	S	5-11	205	Sr.	Adel, Ga. (Cook/Reedley [CA] CC)
43	Buhr	Tony	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (School of the Osage)
10	Cardoza	Travis	S	5-11	205	Sr.	Springfield, Mo. (Rogersville)
28	Casey	Adam	WR	6-1	195	Jr.	Chesterfield, Mo. (Parkway West)
48	Chavis	Tommy*	DL	6-2	280	Jr.	Orange, Texas (Stark/Kilgore College)
34	Christopher	Brock**	LB	6-2	240	Jr.	Kearney, Mo.
45	Coffman	Chase**	TE	6-6	245	Jr.	Peculiar, Mo. (Raymore-Peculiar)
47	Corbett	Jaysen	DL	6-4	260	Jr.	Galt, Calif. (Galt HS/Sacramento [CA] CC)
97	Corby	Tarell*	DL	6-3	235	So.	Kansas City, Mo. (North Kansas City)
98	Coslet	Bart	DL	6-5	240	RSFr.	St. Peters, Mo. (Francis Howell Central)
39	Crane	Tyler	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	Allen, Texas
90	Crossett	Adam***	P/K	6-3	225	Sr.	Liberty, Mo.
10	Daniel	Chase**	QB	6-0	225	Jr.	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)
14	Daniels	Scipio	S	6-0	180	Fr.	Blue Springs, Mo.
2	Davis	Connell*	LB	6-3	215	So.	Portland, Texas (Gregory-Portland)
35	Davis	Matt	DB	6-1	185	RSFr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Marquette)
16	Dorsey	Antonio	TB	5-8	220	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (McCluer)
26	Duncan	Kevin	S	5-10	205	Jr.	O'Fallon, Ill. (Township)
95	Earnhardt	Chris	DL	6-5	250	Fr.	Springfield, Mo. (Hillcrest)
72	Fisher	Elvis	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	Saint Petersburg, Fla. (Catholic)
2	Franklin	William***	WR	6-2	205	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Vashon)
40	Gachkar	Andrew	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley West)
91	Gaines	Charles	DL	6-1	305	Sr.	Hayti, Mo. (North/Hutchinson/Lincoln Univ.)
45	Galbreath	Marlon	LB	6-2	215	RSFr.	Jefferson City, Mo.
86	Gares	Chris	WR	5-11	195	So.	Hartsburg, Mo. (Southern Boone)
8	Garrett	Justin	S	6-2	200	Jr.	Baton Rouge, La. (Istrouma HS/Pasadena CC)
19	Gettis	Carl	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	O'Fallon, Mo. (Fort Zumwalt West)
53	Gettys	Jeff	LB	6-3	215	RSFr.	Houston, Mo. (Houston R-1)
43	Gissinger	Jon*	TE	6-3	235	So.	San Diego, Calif. (Poway)
7	Goldsmith	Earl**	TB	5-9	200	Jr.	Denton, Texas (Ryan)
78	Gregory	Kurtis*	OL	6-5	305	So.	Blackburn, Mo. (Santa Fe)
5	Grooms	Dominic	QB	6-1	185	RSFr.	Tampa, Fla. (Middleton)
90	Hamilton	Dominique	DL	6-6	280	Fr.	El Paso, Texas (Chapin)
33	Hamilton	Levi	TE	5-10	192	Jr.	Rolla, Mo. (Westminster)
36	Harry	Jake	P/K	6-1	190	Jr.	Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif. (Torrey Pines HS/Palomar JC)
74	Hayden	Stephon	LB	5-10	220	So.	St. Louis, Mo. (Vashon/Iowa St./Truman St.)
73	Hellm	Thomas	OL	6-3	270	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Sumner)
69	Hernandez	Jesse	OL	6-2	305	RSFr.	Ardmore, Okla.
31	Hobson	Trey	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	Stanley, Kan. (Blue Valley)
94	Hood	Evander**	DL	6-4	295	Jr.	Amarillo, Texas (Palo Duro)
15	Howard	Del*	S	5-11	195	So.	Dallas, Texas (South Garland)
32	Huff	Austin	TB	5-8	190	So.	Brentwood, Tenn.
17	Irving	Kendall	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	Arlington, Texas (Seguin)
1	Jackson	Jimmy**	TB	5-9	200	Jr.	Caruthersville, Mo.
22	Joannes	Alex	S	6-3	200	So.	Blair Oaks, Mo.
49	Keck	Michael	LB	6-5	215	Fr.	Harrisonville, Mo.
33	Lambert	Luke	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	Brookfield, Mo.
16	Lenauer	Devin	S	5-8	180	Fr.	Owensville, Mo.
29	Lickteig	Gabriel	P	6-2	225	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo. (St. Pius X/NW Mo. State)
53	Loyd	Andy	TE	6-2	220	RSFr.	Branson, Mo.
79	Luellen	Tyler***	OL	6-7	295	Sr.	Bethany, Mo. (South Harrison)
9	Maclin	Jeremy	WR	6-1	185	RSFr.	Kirkwood, Mo.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

1	Jimmy Jackson**	TB	20	Erik Rudin	DB
1	William Moore**	S	20	Kevin Rutland	DB
2	Connell Davis*	LB	21	Castine Bridges	DB
2	William Franklin***	WR	22	Alex Joannes	S
3	Darnell Terrell**	DB	22	Tony Temple**	TB
3	Marcus Woods***	TB	24	Mack Breed	S
4	James Aldridge	DB	24	Derrick Washington	TB
4	Jason Ray**	WR	25	Aaron O'Neal	LB
5	Van Alexander**	LB	26	Kevin Duncan	S
5	Dominic Grooms	QB	26	De'Vion Moore	TB
6	Paul Simpson*	DB	28	Adam Casey	WR
7	Earl Goldsmith**	TB	28	Hardy Ricks*	DB
7	La'Roderick Thomas	DB	29	Gabriel Lickteig	P
8	Justin Garrett	S	29	Cameron McWright	LB
8	Jared Perry*	WR	30	Marquis Booker	LB
9	Jeremy Maclin	WR	30	Drew Yanker	WR
10	Travis Cardoza	S	31	Trey Hobson	DB
10	Chase Daniel**	QB	31	Michael Oldroyd	WR
10	Gilbert Moye	S	32	Quran Barge	LB
11	Tremane Vaughns	DB	32	Austin Huff	TB
12	Sean Weatherspoon*	LB	33	Levi Hamilton	TE
13	Cornelius Brown*	S	33	Luke Lambert	LB
13	J.P. Tillman	QB	34	Brock Christopher**	LB
14	Scipio Daniels	S	35	Matt Davis	DB
14	Chase Patton	QB	35	Donte Neal	S
15	Del Howard*	S	36	Jake Harry	P/K
16	Antonio Dorsey	TB	36	Tyron Reece	WR
16	Devin Lenauer	S	38	Stryker Sulak**	DL
17	Kendall Irving	WR	39	Tyler Crane	LB
18	Steve Redmond*	LB	40	Andrew Gachkar	LB
19	Carl Gettis	DB	41	John Ruth	LB

No.	Last	First	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)
76	Madison	Ryan*	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	Bethany, Mo. (South Harrison)
92	Maples	Andy	DL	6-4	295	Jr.	Lester, Ala. (West Limestone HS/Col. of Sequoias)
89	May	Blake	WR	5-11	190	So.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)
29	McWright	Cameron	LB	5-11	195	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Central Visual & Performing Arts)
59	Milligan	Zach	DL	6-1	220	RSFr.	Hardin, Mo. (Central)
26	Moore	De'Vion	TB	5-9	185	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood Central)
1	Moore	William**	S	6-1	215	Jr.	Hayti, Mo.
10	Moye	Gilbert	S	6-2	205	Fr.	Jasper, Texas (Diboll [TX])
35	Neal	Donte	S	5-11	195	Fr.	Arlington, Texas (Seguin)
87	Null	Lucas	WR	6-0	200	Sr.	Crystal City, Mo. (St. Pius X)
31	Oldroyd	Michael	WR	5-10	170	RSFr.	Eureka, Mo.
25	O'Neal	Aaron	LB	6-3	220	Jr.	Creve Coeur, Mo. (Parkway North)
55	Palmgren	Jayson	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. (North Kansas City)
14	Patton	Chase	QB	6-5	220	Jr.	Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge)
8	Perry	Jared*	WR	6-1	170	So.	La Marque, Texas
65	Prince	Mike	OL	6-4	295	RSFr.	Southlake, Texas (Carroll)
4	Ray	Jason**	WR	6-1	215	Sr.	Porter, Okla. (Broken Arrow)
18	Redmond	Steve*	LB	6-0	235	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)
36	Reece	Tyron	WR	5-10	190	So.	Cape Girardeau, Mo. (Central)
93	Resonno	Terrell	DL	6-6	250	Fr.	Jefferson City, Mo.
28	Ricks	Hardy*	DB	6-0	190	So.	St. Louis, Mo. (Brentwood)
82	Rucker	Martin***	TE	6-6	255	Sr.	St. Joseph, Mo. (Benton)
20	Rudin	Erik	DB	5-9	180	So.	St. Louis, Mo. (Parkway Central)
41	Ruth	John	LB	5-10	220	Sr.	Jefferson City, Mo.
20	Rutland	Kevin	DB	6-0	185	RSFr.	Houston, Texas (North Shore)
84	Saunders	Tommy**	WR	6-0	210	Jr.	Kearney, Mo.
63	Schleusner	Ryan	OL	6-3	250	RSFr.	Maryville, Mo.
64	Schumacher	Joe	DL	5-11	235	So.	Columbia, Mo. (Hickman)
46	Scott	Shawn	TB	5-8	170	So.	St. Louis, Mo. (Parkway Central/CMSU)
75	Shipman	Brandon	DL	5-11	215	So.	Bernie, Mo. (Bernie R-XIII/Southeast Mo. St.)
88	Shock	Forrest	WR	6-1	200	RSFr.	Osage Beach, Mo. (Camdenton R-III)
6	Simpson	Paul*	DB	6-2	190	Sr.	Oakland, Calif. (San Leandro/Chabot CC)
77	Spieker	Adam***	OL	6-3	305	Sr.	Webb City, Mo.
51	Stigall	James	OL	6-3	305	So.	Blue Springs, Mo.
93	Stull	John	DL	6-4	275	RSFr.	Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge)
38	Sulak	Stryker**	DL	6-5	240	Jr.	Rockdale, Texas
41	Sutherlin	Ryan	DB	5-8	150	Fr.	Raymore, Mo. (Grandview)
22	Temple	Tony**	TB	5-9	200	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)
3	Terrell	Darnell**	DB	6-3	205	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Eureka/Coffeyville CC)
7	Thomas	La'Roderick	DB	6-0	185	RSFr.	Dallas, Texas (South Oak Cliff)
13	Tillman	J.P.	QB	6-3	250	RSFr.	Houston, Texas (Cy Falls)
54	Tipton	Chris	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	Bowling Green, Mo.
50	Townson	Jason	DL	6-4	260	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East/Col. of Sequoias [CA])
57	Vaughn	Jamie	OL	6-2	250	RSFr.	Elgin, Ill.
11	Vaughns	Tremane	DB	5-9	180	Jr.	Patterson, La. (Pasadena [CA] CC)
24	Washington	Derrick	TB	6-1	195	Fr.	Peculiar, Mo. (Raymore-Peculiar)
12	Weatherspoon	Sean*	LB	6-1	230	So.	Jasper, Texas
60	Webb	Bryan	OL	6-6	270	Fr.	Tecumseh, Okla.
99	Williams	Lorenzo***	DL	6-1	295	Sr.	Midwest City, Okla.
68	Wise	Dain	OL	6-5	305	So.	Midwest City, Okla. (Carl Albert)
99	Wolfert	Jeff*	PK	6-2	185	Jr.	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley West)
3	Woods	Marcus***	TB	5-8	195	Sr.	Farmington Hills, Mich. (Harrison)
66	Wuebbels	Austin	OL	6-4	260	Fr.	Troy, Ill. (Triad)
71	Wyrick	Monte**	OL	6-5	325	Sr.	Texarkana, Ark. (Arkansas HS)
30	Yanker	Drew	WR	5-11	176	Fr.	Fenton, Mo. (Lindbergh)

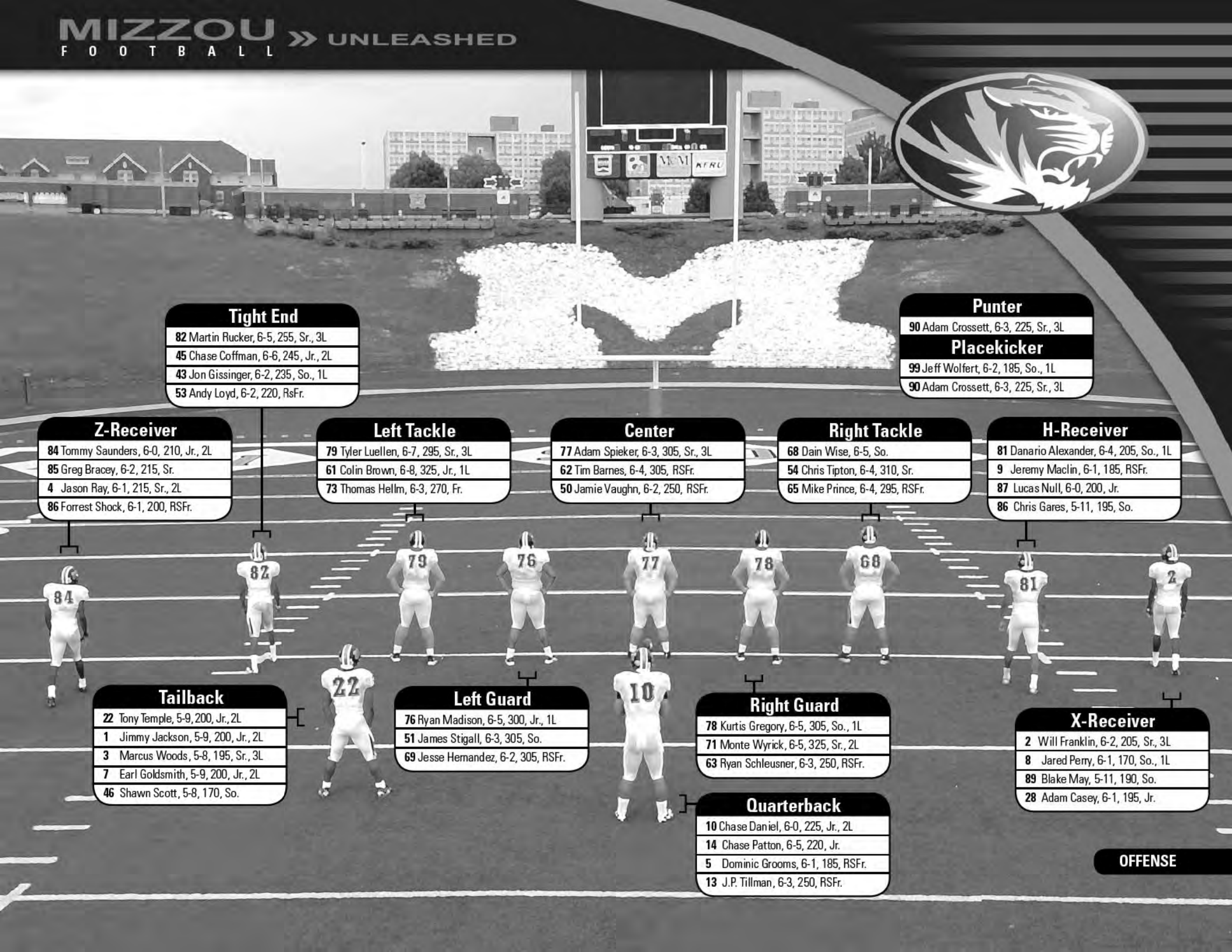
* indicates letters received

» MIZZOU COACHING STAFF

Gary Pinkel — Head Coach
Dave Christensen —
Assistant Head Coach/
Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
Matt Eberflus — Associate Head Coach/
Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
Cornell Ford — Cornerbacks
Andy Hill — Wide Receivers
Brian Jones — Running Backs
Craig Kuligowski — Defensive Line
Dave Steckel — Linebackers
Bruce Walker — Tight Ends/Assistant Offensive Line
David Yost — Quarterbacks/Recruiting Coordinator
Barry Odom — Director of Football Operations
Nick Otterbacher — Director of Football Recruiting
Kent McCullough — Defensive Graduate Assistant
Matt Rahl — Offensive Graduate Assistant
Dan Hopkins — Administrative Graduate Assistant

NUMERICAL ROSTER (continued)

41	Ryan Sutherlin	DB	72	Elvis Fisher	OL
43	Tony Buhr	DB	73	Thomas Hellm	OL
43	Jon Gissinger*	TE	74	Stephon Hayden	LB
45	Chase Coffman**	TE	75	Brandon Shipman	DL
45	Marlon Galbreath	LB	76	Ryan Madison*	OL
46	Shawn Scott	TB	77	Adam Spieker***	OL
47	Jaysen Corbett	DL	78	Kurtis Gregory*	OL
48	Tommy Chavis*	DL	79	Tyler Luellen***	OL
49	Joshua Biship	TE	81	Danario Alexander*	WR
49	Michael Keck	LB	82	Martin Rucker***	TE
50	Jason Townson	DL	84	Tommy Saunders**	WR
51	James Stigall	OL	85	Greg Bracey	WR
53	Jeff Gettys	LB	86	Chris Gares	WR
53	Andy Loyd	TE	87	Lucas Null	WR
54	Chris Tipton	OL	88	Forrest Shock	WR
55	Jayson Palmgren	OL	89	Blake May	WR
57	Jamie Vaughn	OL	90	Adam Crossett***	P/K
59	Zach Milligan	DL	90	Dominique Hamilton	DL
60	Bryan Webb	OL	91	Charles Gaines	DL
61	Colin Brown*	OL	92	Andy Maples	DL
62	Tim Barnes	OL	93	Terrell Resonno	DL
63	Ryan Schleusner	OL	93	John Stull	DL
64	Joe Schumacher	DL	94	Evander Hood**	DL
65	Mike Prince	OL	95	Steven Blair**	DL
66	Austin Wuebbels	OL	95	Chris Earnhardt	DL
67	J.T. Beasley	OL	96	Jaron Baston*	DL
68	Dain Wise	OL	97	Tarell Corby*	DL
69	Jesse Hernandez	OL	98	Bart Coslet	DL
70	Gordon Bowen	OL	99	Lorenzo Williams***	DL
71	Monte Wyrick**	OL	99	Jeff Wolfert*	PK



Tight End
82 Martin Rucker, 6-5, 255, Sr., 3L
45 Chase Coffman, 6-6, 245, Jr., 2L
43 Jon Gissinger, 6-2, 235, So., 1L
53 Andy Loyd, 6-2, 220, RsFr.

Punter
90 Adam Crossett, 6-3, 225, Sr., 3L

Placekicker
99 Jeff Wolfert, 6-2, 185, So., 1L
90 Adam Crossett, 6-3, 225, Sr., 3L

Z-Receiver
84 Tommy Saunders, 6-0, 210, Jr., 2L
85 Greg Bracey, 6-2, 215, Sr.
4 Jason Ray, 6-1, 215, Sr., 2L
86 Forrest Shock, 6-1, 200, RSFr.

Left Tackle
79 Tyler Luellen, 6-7, 295, Sr., 3L
61 Colin Brown, 6-8, 325, Jr., 1L
73 Thomas Hellm, 6-3, 270, Fr.

Center
77 Adam Spieker, 6-3, 305, Sr., 3L
62 Tim Barnes, 6-4, 305, RSFr.
50 Jamie Vaughn, 6-2, 250, RSFr.

Right Tackle
68 Dain Wise, 6-5, So.
54 Chris Tipton, 6-4, 310, Sr.
65 Mike Prince, 6-4, 295, RSFr.

H-Receiver
81 Danario Alexander, 6-4, 205, So., 1L
9 Jeremy Maclin, 6-1, 185, RSFr.
87 Lucas Null, 6-0, 200, Jr.
86 Chris Gares, 5-11, 195, So.

Tailback
22 Tony Temple, 5-9, 200, Jr., 2L
1 Jimmy Jackson, 5-9, 200, Jr., 2L
3 Marcus Woods, 5-8, 195, Sr., 3L
7 Earl Goldsmith, 5-9, 200, Jr., 2L
46 Shawn Scott, 5-8, 170, So.

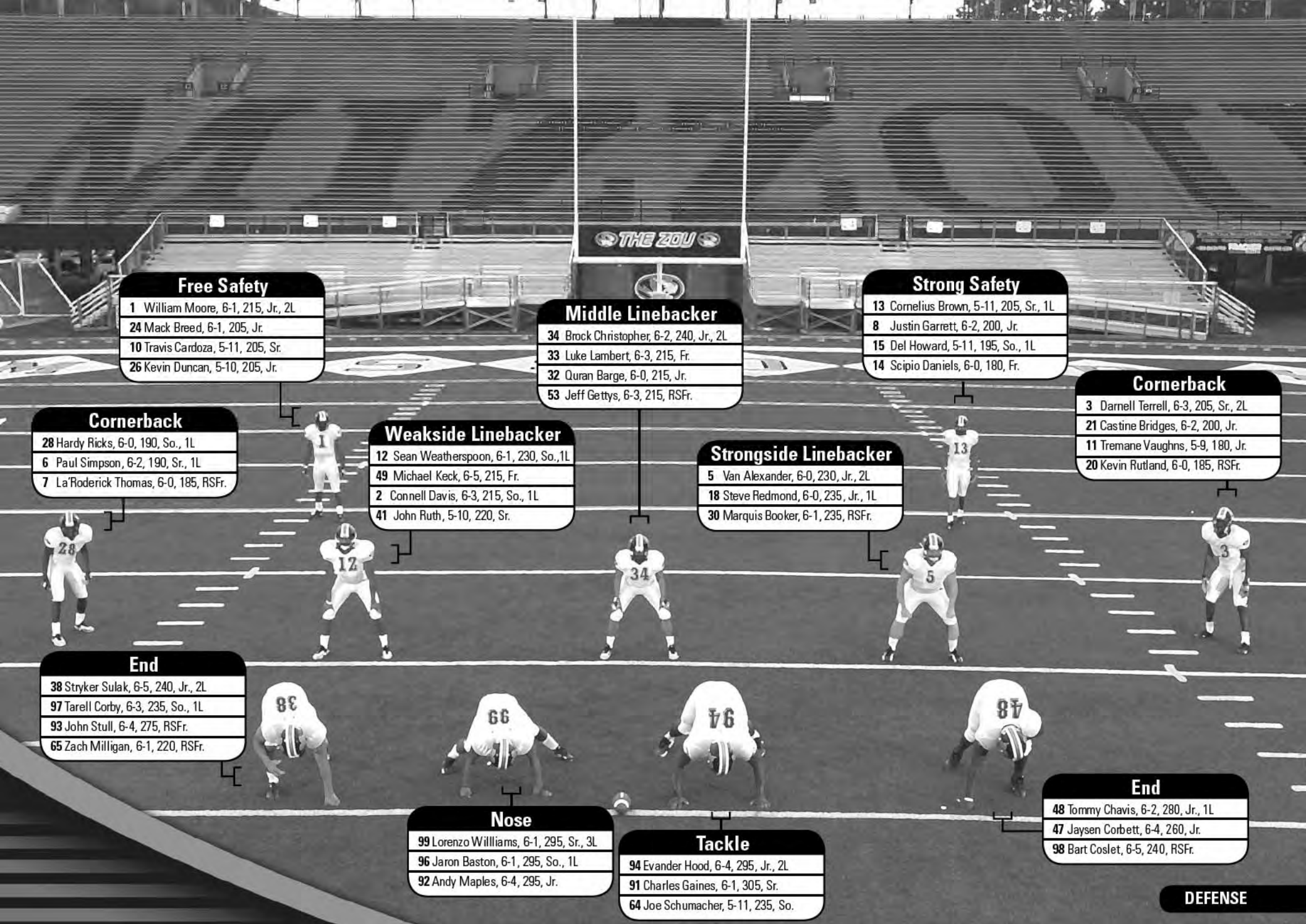
Left Guard
76 Ryan Madison, 6-5, 300, Jr., 1L
51 James Stigall, 6-3, 305, So.
69 Jesse Hernandez, 6-2, 305, RSFr.

Right Guard
78 Kurtis Gregory, 6-5, 305, So., 1L
71 Monte Wyrick, 6-5, 325, Sr., 2L
63 Ryan Schleusner, 6-3, 250, RSFr.

Quarterback
10 Chase Daniel, 6-0, 225, Jr., 2L
14 Chase Patton, 6-5, 220, Jr.
5 Dominic Grooms, 6-1, 185, RSFr.
13 J.P. Tillman, 6-3, 250, RSFr.

X-Receiver
2 Will Franklin, 6-2, 205, Sr., 3L
8 Jared Perry, 6-1, 170, So., 1L
89 Blake May, 5-11, 190, So.
28 Adam Casey, 6-1, 195, Jr.

OFFENSE



Free Safety
1 William Moore, 6-1, 215, Jr., 2L
24 Mack Breed, 6-1, 205, Jr.
10 Travis Cardoza, 5-11, 205, Sr.
26 Kevin Duncan, 5-10, 205, Jr.

Middle Linebacker
34 Brock Christopher, 6-2, 240, Jr., 2L
33 Luke Lambert, 6-3, 215, Fr.
32 Quran Barge, 6-0, 215, Jr.
53 Jeff Gettys, 6-3, 215, RSFr.

Strong Safety
13 Cornelius Brown, 5-11, 205, Sr., 1L
8 Justin Garrett, 6-2, 200, Jr.
15 Del Howard, 5-11, 195, So., 1L
14 Scipio Daniels, 6-0, 180, Fr.

Cornerback
28 Hardy Ricks, 6-0, 190, So., 1L
6 Paul Simpson, 6-2, 190, Sr., 1L
7 La'Roderick Thomas, 6-0, 185, RSFr.

Weakside Linebacker
12 Sean Weatherspoon, 6-1, 230, So.,1L
49 Michael Keck, 6-5, 215, Fr.
2 Connell Davis, 6-3, 215, So., 1L
41 John Ruth, 5-10, 220, Sr.

Strongside Linebacker
5 Van Alexander, 6-0, 230, Jr., 2L
18 Steve Redmond, 6-0, 235, Jr., 1L
30 Marquis Booker, 6-1, 235, RSFr.

Cornerback
3 Darnell Terrell, 6-3, 205, Sr., 2L
21 Castine Bridges, 6-2, 200, Jr.
11 Tremane Vaughns, 5-9, 180, Jr.
20 Kevin Rutland, 6-0, 185, RSFr.

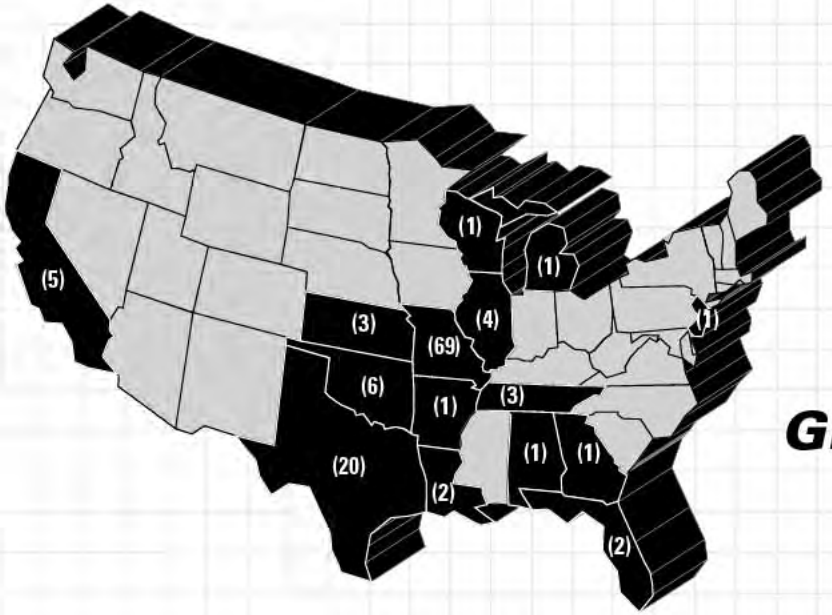
End
38 Stryker Sulak, 6-5, 240, Jr., 2L
97 Tarell Corby, 6-3, 235, So., 1L
93 John Stull, 6-4, 275, RSFr.
65 Zach Milligan, 6-1, 220, RSFr.

Nose
99 Lorenzo Willliams, 6-1, 295, Sr., 3L
96 Jaron Baston, 6-1, 295, So., 1L
92 Andy Maples, 6-4, 295, Jr.

Tackle
94 Evander Hood, 6-4, 295, Jr., 2L
91 Charles Gaines, 6-1, 305, Sr.
64 Joe Schumacher, 5-11, 235, So.

End
48 Tommy Chavis, 6-2, 280, Jr., 1L
47 Jaysen Corbett, 6-4, 260, Jr.
98 Bart Coslet, 6-5, 240, RSFr.

DEFENSE



GEOGRAPHIC ROSTER

» ALABAMA (1)
Andy Maples – Lester

» ARKANSAS (1)
Monte Wyrick – Texarkana

» CALIFORNIA (5)
Castine Bridge – Richmond
Jaysen Corbett – Galt
Jon Gissinger – San Diego
Jake Harry – Cardiff-by-the-Sea
Paul Simpson – Oakland

» FLORIDA (2)
Elvis Fisher – Saint Petersburg
Dominic Grooms – Tampa

» GEORGIA (1)
Pig Brown – Adel

» ILLINOIS (4)
Steven Blair – Godfrey
Kevin Duncan – O'Fallon
Jamie Vaughn – Elgin
Austin Wuebbels – Troy

» KANSAS (3)
Andrew Gachkar – Overland Park
Trey Hobson – Stanley
Jeff Wolfert – Overland Park

» LOUISIANA (2)
Justin Garrett – Baton Rouge
Tremane Vaughns – Patterson

» MICHIGAN (1)
Marcus Woods – Farmington Hills

» MISSOURI (69)
James Aldridge – Lee's Summit
Van Alexander – Columbia
Tim Barnes – Marshall
Jaron Baston – Blue Springs
Joshua Biship – St. Louis
Colin Brown – Braymer
Tony Buhr – St. Louis
Travis Cardoza – Springfield
Adam Casey – Chesterfield
Brock Christopher – Kearney
Chase Coffman – Peculiar
Tarell Corby – Kansas City
Bart Coslet – St. Peters
Adam Crossett – Liberty
Scipio Daniels – Blue Springs
Matt Davis – St. Louis
Antonio Dorsey – St. Louis
Chris Earnhardt – Springfield
William Franklin – St. Louis
Charles Gaines – Hayti
Marlon Galbreath – Jefferson City
Chris Gares – Hartsburg
Carl Gettis – O'Fallon
Jeff Gettys – Houston
Kurtis Gregory – Blackburn
Levi Hamilton – Rolla
Stephon Hayden – St. Louis
Thomas Hellm – St. Louis
Jimmy Jackson – Caruthersville
Alex Joannes – Blair Oaks
Michael Keck – Harrisonville
Luke Lambert – Brookfield
Devin Lenauer – Owensville
Gabriel Lickteig – Kansas City
Andy Loyd – Branson
Tyler Luellen – Bethany
Blake May – Kansas City
Cameron McWright – St. Louis
Zach Milligan – Hardin
De'Vion Moore – St. Louis
William Moore – Hayti
Lucas Null – Crystal City
Michael Oldroyd – Eureka
Aaron O'Neal – Creve Coeur
Jayson Palmgren – Kansas City
Chase Patton – Columbia
Steve Redmond – Kansas City
Tyron Reece – Cape Girardeau
Terrell Resonno – Jefferson City
Hardy Ricks – St. Louis
Martin Rucker – St. Joseph
Erik Rudin – St. Louis
John Ruth – Jefferson City
Tommy Saunders – Kearney
Ryan Schlausner – Maryville
Joe Schumacher – Columbia
Shawn Scott – St. Louis
Brandon Shipman – Bernie
Forrest Shock – Osage Beach
Adam Spieker – Webb City
James Stigall – Blue Springs
John Stull – Columbia
Ryan Sutherlin – Raymore
Tony Temple – Kansas City
Darnell Terrell – St. Louis
Chris Tipton – Bowling Green
Jason Townson – St. Louis
Derrick Washington – Peculiar
Drew Yanker – Fenton

» NEW JERSEY (1)
Quran Barge – Camden

» OKLAHOMA (6)
Marquis Booker – Ardmore
Jesse Hernandez – Ardmore
Jason Ray – Porter
Bryan Webb – Tecumseh
Lorenzo Williams – Midwest City
Dain Wise – Midwest City

» TENNESSEE (3)
J.T. Beasley – Dyersburg
Gordon Bowen – Memphis
Austin Huff – Brentwood

» TEXAS (20)
Danario Alexander – Marlin
Mack Breed – San Antonio
Tommy Chavis - Orange
Tyler Crane – Allen
Chase Daniel – Southlake
Connell Davis – Portland
Earl Goldsmith – Denton
Dominique Hamilton – El Paso
Ziggy Hood – Amarillo
Del Howard – Dallas
Kendall Irving – Arlington
Gilbert Moye – Jasper
Donte Neal – Arlington
Jared Perry – La Marque
Mike Prince – Southlake
Kevin Rutland – Houston
Stryker Sulak – Rockdale
La'Roderick Thomas – Dallas
J.P. Tillman – Houston
Sean Weatherspoon – Jasper

» WISCONSIN (1)
Greg Bracey – Milwaukee

2007 TIGERS

#81

DANARIO ALEXANDER

Wide Receiver
6-4 • 205 • So.-1L
Marlin, Texas (Marlin HS)

AWARDS

» Spring 2007 Team Most Improved Wide Receiver

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Young receiver whose lethal combination of size, speed and hands should be a fixture in the Tiger offensive attack for years to come … Is coming off a solid freshman season, where he earned playing time as a true freshman, and came on strong late in the 2006 year … Continued his impressive play during the spring, and he enters fall camp holding down the top spot on the depth chart at the H-receiver position … Won the team's most improved wide receiver award for his play during spring ball … Had 3 catches for 42 yards in the Black & Gold Spring Game to close out spring camp.

» 2006 SEASON

True freshman wideout who earned playing time with an impressive fall camp, and who blossomed late in the season to make big contributions … Ended the season with 15 catches for 251 yards and 1 TD, with 11 of his 15 catches coming in the final 4 games of the year … His per-catch average of 16.7 was second on the team among those with 5 receptions or more … Closed the season with a 74-yard TD catch in the Sun Bowl (his first career TD) against Oregon State, when he got loose on a fly pattern and outraced the Beaver secondary untouched that put MU up, 17-14 … Had a breakout performance at Nebraska in week #10, with 4 catches for a career-best 84 yards … Included in that was a 49-yarder in the 2nd quarter to put MU in scoring position … Followed with a 5-catch outing the next week at Iowa State for 47 yards with a long of 25 in that game … Caught a pass in each of MU's first 3 games of the year (2 for 21 against Ole Miss was his best in that stretch), then went without a grab until the Nebraska game.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Earned honorable mention All-State and 1st-Team All-District honors as a senior wide receiver for Marlin High School in 2005 after catching 49 passes for 850 yards and 9 TDs … Named 2nd-Team Super Cen-Tex in 2005, as well … Was an honorable mention All-District pick as a junior in 2004 … An excellent all-around athlete who was a 1st-Team All-District performer in baseball … Was also the district champion in the long jump (best of 23'10") and triple jump (best of 45'10") in 2005 … High school coach – Jerry Malone.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Larry Alexander & Helen Woodson … Chose Mizzou over Texas Tech, Baylor, Houston and SMU, among others.

» ALEXANDER CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rush-Yds	TD
2006	13-0	15	251	16.7	1	74	2-12	0
Totals	**13-0**	**15**	**251**	**16.7**	**1**	**74**	**2-12**	**0**

» ALEXANDER CAREER HIGHS

Receptions:	5, at Iowa State, 2006
Receiving Yards:	84, at Nebraska, 2006
Long Reception:	74, vs. Oregon State, 2006

#5

VAN ALEXANDER

Linebacker
6-0 • 230 • Jr.-2L
Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge HS)

AWARDS

» Spring 2006 Team Most Improved Linebacker

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Talented hometown athlete who enters the 2007 season completely healthy and ready to take over as a defensive leader after battling a nagging groin injury that hampered him a year ago … Had a solid spring camp that saw him win the No. 1 spot on the depth chart at strongside linebacker, after playing on the weakside a year ago … Had a pair of tackles in the annual Black & Gold Spring Game to close out the spring.

» 2006 SEASON

Projected starter going into the season who was held back by a groin injury all season long … Missed the first 6 games of the season after entering fall camp atop the depth chart at the weakside spot … After returning, recorded 6 tackles total, including a season-high 3 stops in game #11 at Iowa State … Also had 2 stops the week prior at Nebraska … Had a strong 2006 spring practice period that saw him win the team's most improved linebacker award.

» 2005 SEASON

Hometown product who made solid contributions in his first year on the field, playing in all 12 games … Made biggest contributions on special teams, where he played on most of the Tiger return and coverage teams … Showed his heady play at Colorado when he stayed home on the kickoff return team front line and recovered a surprise onside kick by the Buffs, to set up the Tigers near midfield … Had 20 tackles on the season, with 9 of them coming on special teams … Ranked 2nd on the team in tackles made on kickoffs, with 7, and added 2 stops on punts … Had 1 TFL in Mizzou's Independence Bowl victory over South Carolina … Played the weakside linebacker spot on defense, and was listed No. 2 on the depth chart there for most of the year … Had a career-high 5 tackles in the season opener vs. Arkansas State, and later followed with 4 stops in game #10 against Baylor … Also had multiple tackle games against Troy (3), Texas (2), Nebraska (2) and Kansas State (2) … Suffered a sprained foot in a spring practice that required surgery and forced him to miss the majority of the spring period.

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Had many impressive moments during practice and fall camp … Broke up 2 passes and had a tackle for loss in a short span during his first major fall scrimmage.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Highly-coveted linebacker prospect who decided early in the recruiting process to play for his hometown school … Earned all-state honors at linebacker, and was an all-conference and all-district pick at both linebacker and running back … High school coach – A.J. Ofodile … Also played under Barry Odom.

» PERSONAL

Son of Rick & Dana Alexander … Chose Mizzou over Iowa, among other schools … Plans to study business.

» ALEXANDER CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles		
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Tot.	TFL-Yds.
2005	12-0	14-6	20	0.5-1
2006	7-0	5-1	6	0-0
Totals	**19-0**	**19-7**	**26**	**0.5-1**

#32

QURAN BARGE

Linebacker
6-0 • 215 • Jr.
Camden, N.J. (Catholic HS/College of the Sequoias)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Athletic linebacker prospect who will be in his second year in the program, and who hopes to enter into the picture for playing time at a position where Mizzou lost 2-of-3 starters from a year ago ... Was limited in spring drills while he was still recovering his strength after being the innocent victim of a gunshot wound over holiday break back in his hometown ... The stray bullet that struck him entered in his left shoulder and punctured his lung, but the long-term prognosis is good and he will be fully recovered in time for fall camp … Was cleared to participate in spring practice toward the latter part of the schedule, and he enters fall drills listed No. 3 on the depth chart at middle linebacker.

» 2006 SEASON

Redshirted in his first year in the program, showing his skills as part of the defensive scout team ... Joined the team in March of 2006, after the national signing day.

» PERSONAL

Chose Mizzou over Marshall, Houston, Arizona State, Ole Miss and UNLV, among others.

#62

TIM BARNES

Offensive Lineman
6-4 • 305 • RSFr.
Marshall, Mo. (Pettis Co. Northwest HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Highly-touted prep lineman who looks to make an impact in 2007 after redshirting in his first year in the program … Is completely healthy and ready to go for the fall after undergoing surgery last October to repair a damaged labrum in his right shoulder … Moved to center during spring drills, and after a solid camp, he enters fall drills listed No. 2 on the depth chart.

» 2006 SEASON

Redshirted in his first season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

» HIGH SCHOOL

One of the most highly-coveted prospects in the state of Missouri and committed to Mizzou early on — the summer prior to his junior season … Was ranked as the No. 4 overall prospect in the state of Missouri by Rivals, and as the No. 23 offensive guard prospect in the nation, as well … Earned numerous All-State, All-Conference and All-District honors during his career at Pettis County Northwest High School in Hughesville, Mo. … Excellent all-around athlete who was a 4-year letterwinner in basketball and a 2-year letterman in baseball, in addition to his exploits on the gridiron … Also earned 1st-Team All-Conference and All-District honors in basketball … A solid student who was a member of the National Honor Society, and also served on his school's student council … High school coach – Caleb Crooker.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Jeff & Becky Barnes … Chose Mizzou over Miami, Fla., Michigan and Iowa, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

#96

JARON BASTON

Defensive Lineman
6-1 • 295 • So.-1L
Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

A versatile and talented lineman who can play either inside position on the defensive line … Looks to build on a solid freshman season, and he enters 2007 fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at the nose tackle position … Registered a pair of tackles during the 2007 Black & Gold Spring Game … Has done great work in the Tiger strength program, as he's added 25 pounds to his frame since he joined the team.

» 2006 SEASON

Saw action in all 13 games as a redshirt freshman, and saw his role increase in the latter part of the year, along with his production … Half of his 14 tackles on the season came in MU's last 5 games, including a season-high 3 tackles registered in game #11 at Iowa State … That matched his earlier season high of 3 set against Colorado … Had a tackle for loss against Iowa State and also in the season opener against Murray State … Served most of the year as the backup to Lorenzo Williams at the noseguard position.

» 2005 SEASON

Redshirt season … Was impressive playing on the scout team in practice and also in the weight room.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as the nation's No. 48 strongside defensive end prospect and the No. 11 overall prospect in the state of Missouri by Rivals.com … PrepStar had him as the No. 53 overall prospect in the Midland region … Was a 1st-Team all-state selection as both a junior and senior, and added 2nd-Team all-state mention as a sophomore in 2002 … Also earned Kansas City all-metro honors in 2004 … Had 77 tackles as a senior, including 5 QB sacks, and also broke up 10 passes and scored 2 defensive TDs … Teamed with fellow 2005 MU signee James Stigall to help lead Blue Springs to a Class 6 state championship as a junior in 2003, and consecutive conference and district championships in 2003 and 2004 … Had 2 tackles, including a QB sack, in the state title game in which Blue Springs defeated Hazelwood Central by a 53-0 count to cap off a perfect 13-0 season … Had 88 tackles as a junior, including 10 QB sacks and 2 forced fumbles … Added 63 tackles and 6 QB sacks in 2002 … High school coach – Kelly Donohoe.

» PERSONAL

Son of Vernon Baston & Angela Childs … Chose MU over Kansas, among other schools … Enjoys drawing and playing video games in his spare time … Academic interest lies in broadcasting, and MU's prestigious School of Journalism was a big draw in his choosing to be a Tiger.

» BASTON CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles					
	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Tot.	TFL-Yds	Sack-Yds	QBH
2006	13-0	7	7	14	2.0-3	0-0	2
Totals	**13-0**	**7**	**7**	**14**	**2.0-3**	**0-0**	**2**

» BASTON CAREER HIGHS

Tackles:	3, 2 times
Solo Tackles:	2, 2 times
Assisted Tackles:	3, vs. Colorado, 2006
Tackles For Loss:	1, 2 times
QB Hurries:	1, 2 times

#95

STEVEN BLAIR

Defensive Lineman
6-3 • 235 • Sr.-2L
Godfrey, Ill. (Marquette Catholic HS)

AWARDS

- » 2007 May Graduate
- » 2005 Team Walk-On Player of the Year
- » Spring 2005 Team Most Improved Special Forces Player

» 2007 OUTLOOK

A defensive lineman who more importantly doubles as Mizzou's unsung hero in special teams, as he serves as the team's No. 1 deep snapper on all kicks and punts … Is a former walk-on who was awarded a scholarship prior to the 2006 season due to his valuable contributions on special teams the previous year as a long snapper … Is a defensive end by trade during scrimmage plays … An outstanding student who earned his undergraduate degree from Mizzou in May of 2007 (Secondary Education), and will play his final year as a graduate student.

» 2006 SEASON

Was once again flawless with his snaps during the course of the season, as evidenced by zero interview requests after Mizzou's 13 games on the year … A good athlete who registered 4 tackles on the punt coverage team, including 1 each in MU's last 3 outings at Iowa State and against Kansas and versus Oregon State in the Sun Bowl … Recorded 3 tackles playing on defense in the 2006 spring game.

» 2005 SEASON

Walk-on defensive end who was a special teams MVP after taking over as Mizzou's deep snapper for the season … Won the team's walk-on player of the year award at the team banquet in early December … Was nearly flawless on his snaps, providing rock-solid snaps on both punts and placekicks … Recorded 3 tackles on punt coverage, notching single tackles in games against Oklahoma State, Colorado and Baylor … Was named the team's Most Improved Special Forces Player Award in the spring.

» 2004 SEASON

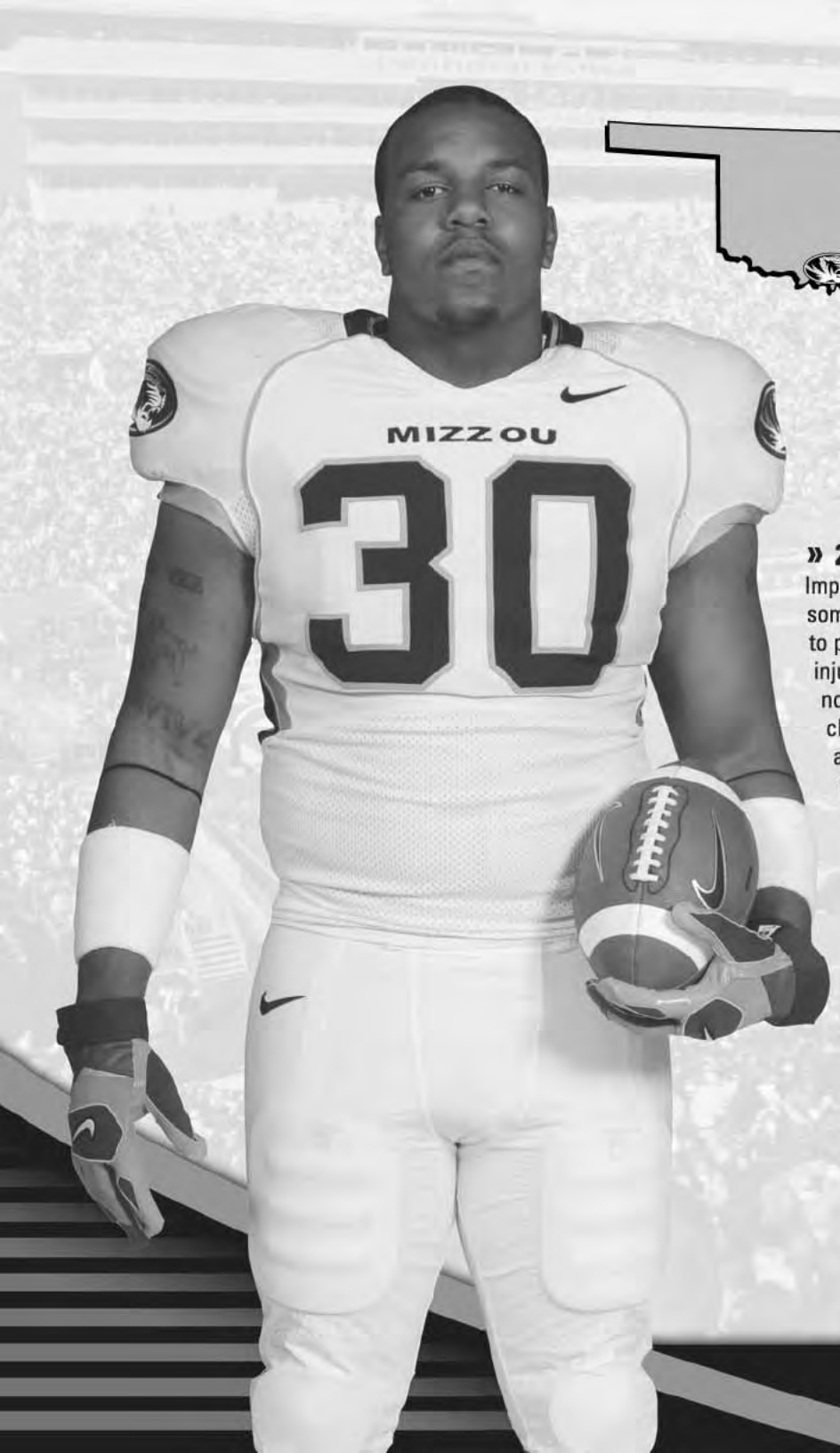
Walk-on defensive lineman who showed good athleticism during the season at end … Did not see game action.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport standout at Marquette Catholic High School in Godfrey, Ill., where he lettered in football, basketball and swimming … Honorable mention all-state linebacker as a senior, when he racked up 112 tackles, 10 sacks and also doubled as a productive wideout, catching 13 passes for 327 yards and 9 TDs … Earned 3rd-Team St. Louis all-metro honors as a senior, and was a 3-time all-conference pick at linebacker and twice at wide receiver … Had 66 tackles as a junior and added 13 catches for 326 yards and 3 TDs … As a sophomore, recorded 73 stops on defense and 11 catches on offense … High School Coach – Mike Slaughter.

» PERSONAL

Son of Steven & Nancy Blair … Father is a plant manager, mother is a registered nurse … Earned his undergraduate degree in secondary education in May of 2007.



#30

MARQUIS BOOKER

Linebacker
6-1 • 235 • RSFr.
Ardmore, Okla. (Ardmore HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Impressive looking athlete who hopes to turn some heads during fall camp after being unable to practice the entire 2006 season due to a knee injury suffered just prior to the year … Is healthy now and enters 2007 listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the strongside linebacker position after spring drills, where he showed an ability to deliver some punishing hits … Changed his jersey number to 30 prior to spring drills, after wearing 40 a season ago.

» 2006 SEASON

Suffered a broken kneecap just prior to fall camp in conditioning workouts that sidelined him for the season, forcing him to take a redshirt.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 1st-Team All-State and 1st-Team Super State standout at the linebacker position at Ardmore, Okla. High School … Averaged more than 100 tackles over his last 2 seasons while helping his team to 2 state semifinal appearances in 3 seasons on the varsity … Amassed 156 tackles as a senior, and added 6 QB sacks and grabbed 4 interceptions, as well … Was also named the District 5 linebacker of the year as a senior, as his team won a district championship … Converted to linebacker from running back as a sophomore … Joined Ardmore teammate Jesse Hernandez as part of Mizzou's 2006 signing class … High school coach – Mike Loyd.

» PERSONAL

Father – Randy Booker … Chose Mizzou over TCU, Oklahoma State, Colorado State, Tulsa, Iowa State and Baylor, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

#70

GORDON BOWEN

Offensive Lineman
6-1 • 300 • So.-Sq.
Memphis, Tenn. (Germantown HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Solid athlete who looks to contribute on the offensive line, where he enters fall camp listed on the depth chart at the right guard spot.

» 2006 SEASON

Out-of-state walk-on who spent his first full year in the program with the practice squad.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Played on a team which won a Tennessee state 5A championship as a junior, as his squad defeated nationally-ranked Riverdale-Murfreesboro in the title game ... High school coach – Charlie White.

» PERSONAL

Son of George & Bobbie Jean Bowen ... Intends to major in physical therapy, with a career goal of opening up his own physical therapy practice ... Chose Mizzou over Tennessee, Mississippi and Arizona State ... Older cousin, Leonard Burton, played football at South Carolina and later for 10 years in the National Football League with the Buffalo Bills and Detroit Lions ... Lists hobbies as drawing, video games and basketball.

#85

GREG BRACEY

Wide Receiver
6-2 • 215 • Sr.-Sq.
Milwaukee, Wisc. (Vincent HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Likely Mizzou's fastest player who looks to break through on the gridiron after showing in 2006 that he has the ability to be an impact player at receiver … Enters the 2007 season No. 2 on the depth chart at the Z-receiver position … Closed a solid spring camp hauling in 3 catches for 37 yards (with a long of 26 yards) in the Black & Gold Spring Game … Split time during the spring as part of the MU track team as the squad's top short sprinter … Earned All-Big 12 honors in the 100 meters in 2006, 5th at the Big 12 Championships in a time of 10.52 seconds … Ran a personal-best 6.80 60-meter dash during the 2006 indoor track season, the 2nd-best time in MU history for the event … Had the crowd in stitches at the 2006 Sun Bowl talent competition show, where he impersonated celebrities and performed other talents.

» 2006 SEASON

Made his first impact on the gridiron in the final half of the season, catching 3 passes for 79 yards and 1 TD in the final 5 games … His first career catch was a bomb on the 4th-play of the game against Oklahoma for a 46-yard gain that was ruled out of bounds … Ended the season with a big catch from QB Chase Daniel against Kansas that went for 26 yards and his 1st career TD … Also caught 1 pass for 7 yards at Iowa State … His per-catch average of 26.3 yards was best among all Tiger receivers … Caught 2 passes for 29 yards in the 2006 spring game.

» 2005 SEASON

Speedy receiver who saw action in 5 games, primarily as a kick returner … Had 4 kickoff returns, and his average of 21.5 yards per return ranked 2nd on the team … Was also on the depth chart at the Z-receiver spot … Doubled as one of the track team's top sprinters.

» 2004 SEASON

Saw action in 2 games … Tied the MU 40-yard dash record with a 4.29-second run … Capped off a spring period with a game-high 4 passes for 39 yards in the 2004 spring game

» 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season … Earned scout team MVP honors for his work in practice leading up to the Eastern Illinois game.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Two-sport standout in football and track, ranked in the nation's top 50 receivers by Rivals.com, as well as conference player and conference return specialist of the year … High school coach – Adam Walker.

» PERSONAL

Son of Isaac & Delphine Bracey … Majoring in sociology … Chose Mizzou over Purdue, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Northwestern and Vanderbilt, among others.

» BRACEY CAREER STATISTICS

						Kickoff		
	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Returns	Avg.	Long
2004	2-0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0	0
2005	5-0	0	0	0	0	4-86	21.5	33
2006	9-0	3	79	1	46	0-0	0.0	0
Totals	**16-0**	**3**	**79**	**1**	**46**	**4-86**	**21.5**	**33**

#24

MACK BREED

Free Safety
6-1 • 205 • Jr.-Sq.
San Antonio, Texas (John Jay HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK
Good-looking athlete who hopes to follow in the shoes of former Tiger David Overstreet, and become an impact player at safety after coming to Mizzou as a quarterback initially … Heads into 2007 fall drills listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at free safety, and is expected to compete for playing time … Had a solid spring camp, as he had an interception in 1 major scrimmage, and ended the period by making 2 tackles in the spring game.

» 2006 SEASON
Did not see action as he continued to learn the safety position and get himself back to 100% health … Practiced, but was not full strength during a majority of the spring as he was recovering from surgery to repair a torn ligament in his left knee during the 2005 season … Entered fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the strong safety position after practicing at the free safety spot during spring ball.

» 2005 SEASON
Did not see action on the year after moving to safety prior to the season from quarterback … Missed much of the season due to a knee injury.

» 2004 SEASON
Redshirt season.

» HIGH SCHOOL
Dangerous dual-threat quarterback prospect who came to MU from San Antonio John Jay High School … Listed among top-10 prospects in the San Antonio area … Has 4.3 speed in the 40-yard dash … An excellent athlete who was an all-state, all-district and all-area centerfielder in baseball … High school coach – Larry Pullin.

» PERSONAL
Son of Steve & Felecia Breed … Studying nutrition and fitness … Chose MU over Texas A&M, Colorado, Baylor and Utah, among others.

#21

CASTINE BRIDGES

Defensive Back
6-2 • 200 • Jr.-Sq.
Richmond, Calif. (Pinole Valley HS/Diablo Valley JC)

AWARDS

» Spring 2007 Team Most Improved Cornerback

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Talented junior college defensive back prospect who will have 2 years to play 2 at Mizzou, after redshirting in 2006 … Had a strong spring camp that saw him win the team's most improved cornerback award from Tiger coaches … Broke up one pass in the annual spring game, and he begins fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at one cornerback position, behind returning All-Big 12 candidate Darnell Terrell … Changed his jersey number to 21 during the spring, after wearing 36 a year ago.

» 2006 SEASON

Redshirted in his first season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

» JUNIOR COLLEGE

High-level junior college cornerback who was a big-play performer at Diablo Valley College, where he was named a 2nd-Team JUCO All-American by J.C. Gridwire after he intercepted 8 passes in 2005 (he also had 2 more TDs called back due to defensive penalties – including 1 by his brother, Namon West) … Also returned 1 interception for a TD and recovered 2 fumbles … Ranked as the No. 89 overall junior college prospect at any position, according to Rivals, and as the No. 12 defensive back by the same outlet … Named the Golden Gate Conference defensive MVP in 2005, and was a 1st-Team All-Conference performer … Was named to the California Community College Football Coaches' Association All-State team both years at Diablo Valley … Grabbed 8 interceptions as a freshman in 2004 to tie for the state lead in that category … Junior college coach – Ralph Depew.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered in football for 2 years at Pinole Valley High School, where he had 5 career interceptions, and was an All-Conference performer as a senior … Also played basketball and competed in track as a prep athlete … High school coach – Steve Alameda.

» PERSONAL

Mother – Darline Sanders … Is interested in studying psychology, and he lists playing chess and swimming among his hobbies … Chose Mizzou over Utah, Marshall, Kansas State, New Mexico, Oregon, Oregon State and Indiana, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Matt Eberflus.

#61

COLIN BROWN

Offensive Lineman
6-8 • 325 • Jr.-1L
Braymer, Mo. (Braymer HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Former walk-on who has the physique to become a big-time contributor on the offensive line for Mizzou … Participated in spring drills despite tearing the labrum in his left shoulder during off-season workouts in February … Had surgery right after spring ball to repair the damage with the intent of being 100 percent clear to go once fall camp rolls around in August … Enters fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at left tackle after spending most of 2006 at left guard … Found his way to Mizzou to play football after initially considering his opportunities in the sport of basketball, where he was an all-state center in high school.

» 2006 SEASON

Made important contributions in all 13 games as a regular on MU's place-kicking special teams units, and saw some reserve action at left guard, where he spent most of the season listed No. 2 on the depth chart … Played during the spring at tackle as well.

» 2005 SEASON

Former walk-on who was awarded with a scholarship prior to the season, and saw action in 2 games in 2005 … Spent most of the year listed No. 2 on the depth chart at center … Played in games #1 (Arkansas State) and #3 (Troy).

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Joined the team prior to fall camp as a walk-on.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered in 4 sports at Braymer High School, and was an all-state performer in basketball twice (2003 & 2004), as well as being a McDonald's All-American nominee on the hardcourt … Was a 1st-Team All-State selection on the gridiron as a defensive tackle as a senior in 2003, and also earned 1st-Team All-Conference honors at both defensive tackle and tight end the same year … Was a star for Braymer in basketball, and averaged 18.5 points, 12 rebounds and 5 blocks per game as a senior in 2004, as he led his team to a 26-3 record and state quarterfinal appearance … Won 11 letters in his high school days, including 4 in basketball, 3 each in football and track, and 1 in baseball … High school coach – Troy Stemburger.

» PERSONAL

Son of Dave & Mona Brown … Majoring in secondary education.

#13

PIG BROWN

Strong Safety
5-11 • 205 • Sr.-1L
Adel, Ga. (Cook H.S./Reedly [CA] C.C.)

AWARDS

» Spring 2007 Team Most Improved Safety

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Highly-skilled junior college transfer who moved to strong safety this season after playing mostly at the free safety spot a year ago where he made solid contributions … Is expected to provide leadership and big-play ability for an MU secondary that lost both of its starters at safety from 2006 … Had a strong enough spring session to earn the team's most improved safety award doled out by Tiger coaches … Will likely figure into the return game in 2007 after handling some punts early on during the 2006 season … Is known as "Pig" by everyone because his mother said he ate like a pig from day one … One of the more popular individuals for media interviews because of his confident and down-to-earth nature.

» 2006 SEASON

Junior college transfer who made solid contributions playing at the free safety position … Saw action in 12 games, including 1 start (at Texas Tech) … Had 40 tackles on the season, which ranked 11th on the squad … Registered 18 tackles combined in Mizzou's first four games, and returned punts as well, but a sprained ankle hampered him through the last part of the season … Had a career-high 8 tackles against Kansas State and notched 7 tackles and broke up 1 pass at Texas Tech … Had 3 tackles and a half-sack of Rebel QB Brett Schaffer at Ole Miss … Ended the year with a 2-tackle game in the Sun Bowl.

» JUNIOR COLLEGE

Highly-skilled safety ranked as the No. 92 overall junior college prospect nationally, according to Rivals … Won 1st-Team All-State and All-Conference honors as a sophomore, as he helped lead his team to a conference championship in 2005 and league title in 2004 … Reedley, ranked at No. 1 for much of the 2005 season, finished 10-0 … Junior college coach – Michael White.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 2-time 1st-Team All-State selection as a defensive back.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Edward & Maggie Gear … Chose Mizzou over Texas Tech, New Mexico, Boise State and Marshall, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Craig Kuligowski.

» BROWN CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	PBU
2006	12-1	21-19	40	0.5-4	0.5-4	1
Totals	**12-1**	**21-19**	**40**	**0.5-4**	**0.5-4**	**1**

» BROWN CAREER HIGHS

Tackles:	8, vs. Kansas State, 2006
Solo Tackles:	5, 2 times
Assisted Tackles:	5, vs. Kansas State, 2006
Tackles For Loss:	0.5, vs. Mississippi, 2006
Sacks:	0.5, vs. Mississippi, 2006
Passes Broken Up:	1, at Texas Tech, 2006

#10

TRAVIS CARDOZA

Free Safety
5-11 • 205 • Sr.-Sq.
Springfield, Mo. (Rogersville HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Longtime hard-working walk-on player who is now in a leadership position as part of the 2007 senior class … Plays free safety on defense, where he enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart, and also looks to increase his role on special teams, where he earned some playing time last year on coverage units … Had a solid spring camp, where he ended the session by recording the only interception of the annual Black & Gold Game, returning it 23 yards in the process.

» 2006 SEASON

Earned some playing time during the season on special teams coverage units … Recorded 1 tackle on kick coverage at Nebraska … Saw action in 4 games on the year … Changed his jersey to #10 late in the year, after wearing #4 previously … Entered fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at free safety.

» 2005 SEASON

Did not see action during the season … Moved to strong safety after spending his first year in the program at cornerback … Had 1 tackle in the spring game.

» 2004 SEASON

Did not see game action … Worked as a member of the scout team at cornerback … Had a solid spring period, and had an interception in one of the Tigers' major scrimmages.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Football and track standout at Logan-Rogersville High School … Was an honorable-mention all-state linebacker as a senior, and also won conference defensive player of the year honors after recording 79 tackles, 3 sacks and 4 interceptions with 2 returned for scores … An academic all-conference pick as well … All-state performer in track as a sprinter, who also held school records in the 100-meters (10.88 seconds), 200 meters (22.23), and the 400-meter and 800-meter relays … High school coach – Corey Roy.

» PERSONAL

Son of Marci Perry … Is majoring in mechanical engineering … An active outdoorsman who is involved with the canoe, kayaking and rock climbing clubs.

#48

TOMMY CHAVIS

Defensive Lineman
6-2 • 280 • Jr.-1L
Orange, Texas (Stark HS/Kilgore College)

AWARDS

» Spring 2007 Team Most Improved Defensive Lineman

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Junior college transfer who made nice contributions on the defensive line a year ago and now has 2 more years to play 2 at Mizzou … Is set to focus at one defensive end position in 2007, after playing both inside and at end throughout last season … Was impressive enough during spring drills to earn the team's most improved defensive lineman award … Hopes to provide stability at a position where Mizzou lost both Brian Smith and Xzavie Jackson (the #1 and #7 all-time career QB sacks leaders at MU) to the NFL this spring … Enters fall camp listed No. 1 on the depth chart at one end position … Changed his jersey number to 48 in the spring after wearing 63 during the 2006 season.

» 2006 SEASON

Junior college transfer who made nice contributions on the defensive line … Played both inside and at end throughout the year, and ended the year listed as the No. 2 DE behind Xzavie Jackson coming into the bowl game … Saw action in all 13 games, and notched 16 tackles, with 10 of them coming in a productive 4-game stretch from games #7-10 … Had career-best 4 tackles at Texas A&M, and followed with a 2-tackle day the next week versus Kansas State … One of his stops vs. KSU might have been one of the biggest plays of the year by the Tiger defense, as he stuffed a K-State tailback on a 4th-and-goal try from the MU 1-yardline … K-State led 7-3 in the 2nd quarter and without the stop, would have taken a 14-3 lead, but Chavis stepped up and made the play and MU cruised to a 41-21 win … Had 3 stops at Nebraska and 2 each versus Colorado and Murray State.

» JUNIOR COLLEGE

Was a standout defensive player for Kilgore … Junior college coach – Jim Reeves.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Standout 2-way starter who was a finalist for the Willie Ray Smith Award as a senior when he led his team in sacks and won 22A Super Team honors … Was a 3-year starter on varsity who led his team in QB sacks each of his last 2 years … Lettered in track and powerlifting in addition to football at West Orange Stark High School … Was a district shot put champion and also took 2nd in the discus at that level … Was a member of the National Honor Society and participated in his school's student council.

» PERSONAL

Son of Marvis & Beth Brown … Chose Mizzou over schools such as Texas A&M, Oklahoma State, Houston, TCU and SMU … Cousins Chris Cole and Giles Cole both play in the National Football League.

» CHAVIS CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles		
	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Total
2006	13-0	9	7	16
Totals	**13-0**	**9**	**7**	**16**

#34

BROCK CHRISTOPHER

Linebacker
6-2 • 240 • Jr.-2L
Kearney, Mo. (Kearney HS)

AWARDS

» 2006 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Mizzou's most experienced and talented linebacker, with 24 career games played and 11 career starts … Will move over to his more natural middle linebacker position … Enters fall camp No. 1 on the depth chart at the middle linebacker position, and will be responsible for solidifying a position group where Mizzou lost 2-of-3 starters from a year ago … With 118 tackles in his 2 previous seasons, he enters the 2007 campaign as MU's active career leader in tackles … Is quick, physical and has great lateral movement … Has worked hard in the weight room to add 20 pounds to his frame since coming to campus.

» 2006 SEASON

Talented, young linebacker who shifted to strongside and started there all year … Started 11-of-13 games and registered a career-high 87 tackles, ranked 4th-best on the team … Had 6.5 TFLs on the season, the team's 2nd-best … Closed with a 5-tackle outing in the Sun Bowl, where he broke up 1 pass and had a half-tackle for loss in the game … Earned 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors … Recorded a career-high 12 tackles in the win at New Mexico, including a team-best 10 solo stops … Recorded his 100th career tackle in a 9-tackle performance against Nebraska … Had 3 PBUs on the season.

» 2005 SEASON

True freshman linebacker that saw action in 11 games … Ended with 31 tackles on the year, 26 of on defense, and 5 on the kickoff coverage squad … Filled in at the Independence Bowl and made a career-high tying 6 tackles … Recorded 6 tackles against Kansas, including a half-tackle for loss and first career interception … Had at least 1 tackle in 10-of-11 games.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Standout leading linebacker and tailback in tackles all 4 years … High school coach – Mark Thomas.

» PERSONAL

Son of Robert & Maureen Christopher … Currently taking pre-journalism classes … Chose MU over Iowa, Kansas State and Ohio State.

» CHRISTOPHER CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles							
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.		Tot.	TFL-Yds.	Sack-Yds.	FF/FR		
INT		QBH	PBU						
2005	11-0	16-15	31	0.5-4	0-0	1-0	1-0	1	0
2006	13-11	48-39	87	6.5-10	0-0	2-0	0-0	2	3
Totals	**24-11**	**64-54**	**118**	**7.0-14**	**0-0**	**3-0**	**1-0**	**3**	**3**

» CHRISTOPHER CAREER HIGHS

Tackles:	12, at New Mexico, 2006
Solo Tackles:	10, at New Mexico, 2006
Assisted Tackles:	6, vs. Kansas, 2006
Tackles For Loss:	1, 6 Times
Forced Fumbles:	1, 3 Times

#28

ADAM CASEY

Wide Receiver
6-1 • 195 • Jr.-Sq.
Chesterfield, Mo. (Parkway West HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Hardworking walk-on receiver who enters fall camp looking to move up the depth chart at the X-receiver position … Enters fall ball listed at No. 4 on the depth chart at that spot.

» 2006 SEASON

Did not see action on the season, but made solid contributions in practice throughout the year, primarily at the X-receiver position … Had a good showing during spring ball, and ended the practice period by catching 1 pass in the 2006 Black & Gold Game.

» 2005 SEASON

Did not see game action, working on the offensive scout team in practice throughout the year.

» 2004 SEASON

Joined the team as a walk-on and took a redshirt season.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 4-year letter winner at Parkway West High School in football, and also lettered twice in lacrosse … Nabbed 4 interceptions as a senior in football … Served as the captain for his lacrosse team … High school coach - Boyd Manne.

» PERSONAL

Parents - Michael & Kerry Casey … Majoring in biology.

#45

CHASE COFFMAN

Tight End
6-6 • 245 • Jr.-2L
Peculiar, Mo. (Raymore-Peculiar HS)

AWARDS

- » 2006 John Mackey Award Semifinalist
- » 2006 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Associated Press, Kansas City Star, Houston Chronicle)
- » 2006 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » 2006 John Mackey National Tight End of the Week (Oct. 26)
- » 2006 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » 2006 Team Receiver of the Year
- » 2006 Team Hammer Award (Most Big Hits)
- » 2005 1st-Team Freshman All-American (College Football News)
- » 2005 1st-Team Freshman All-American (Rivals)
- » 2005 Team Freshman of the Year

» 2007 OUTLOOK

One of the nation's top tight ends who gives Mizzou a huge passing game advantage … Combines with fellow TE Martin Rucker as likely the best duo in the nation … Contender for All-American acclaim and the John Mackey Tight End Award … Record-holder for Tiger TE career TDs with 13 … 3rd MU TE to catch 100 passes … 2nd and 4th in MU TE career receptions and yardage, respectively … Special Teams unit standout, winning the team's 2006 Hammer Award for most big blocks delivered.

» 2006 SEASON

Semifinalist for the John Mackey Award, leading all Big 12 TEs with 58 catches for 638 yards and 9 TDs … Ranked 4th TE nationally with 4.46 receptions per game (61st nationally among all players) … Broke MU's single-season TE records for receptions and yardage … Named the National TE of the Week after his K-State performance (6 receptions, 75 yards, one TD) … 5th MU TE to reach 1,000 career receiving yards.

» 2005 SEASON

True freshman who earned 1st-Team Freshman All-American honors … TE Catch total tied for first and 4th in yardage in the Big 12, and 2nd-most and 3rd-most in MU single-season history, respectively … Led Big 12 freshmen in catches and 2nd in yardage … Team freshman of the year honors.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Recipient of the 2004 Kansas City metro area Simone Award … High school coach – Tom Kruse.

» PERSONAL

Son of Paul & Amy Coffman … Chose MU over Kansas State, Iowa, Nebraska, Florida, Michigan State, UCLA and Kansas, among others … Academic interest lies in business.

» COFFMAN CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2005	12-1	47	503	10.7	4	33
2006	13-6	58	638	11.0	9	37
Totals	**25-7**	**105**	**1141**	**10.9**	**13**	**37**

» COFFMAN CAREER HIGHS

Receptions:	8, vs. South Carolina, 2005
Receiving Yards:	99, vs. South Carolina, 2005
Touchdowns:	2, 2 Times
Long Reception:	37, vs. Oregon State, 2006

#47

JAYSEN CORBETT

Defensive Lineman
6-4 • 260 • Jr.
Galt, Calif. (Galt HS/Sacramento CC)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Highly-regarded JUCO defensive end prospect who hopes to provide an immediate impact at a position where the Tigers lost 2 of the top-10 QB sack leaders in school history … Was a January enrollee at Mizzou, and got a jump on the fall by participating in 2007 spring drills, where he had a solid camp … Enters fall camp listed 2nd on the depth chart at one end position, currently backing up Tommy Chavis … Has 3 years to play 2 at Mizzou.

» JUNIOR COLLEGE

Starred for Sacramento City College, where he was ranked by Super Prep as the nation's No. 12 defensive end for the 2007 class … Super Prep also ranked him as the nation's No. 57 overall JUCO recruit (all positions)… Was a 1st-Team All-Conference selection as a sophomore in 2006, as he had 10 QB sacks, while registering 70 tackles in all on the year … Also notched 6 pass deflections and recovered 2 fumbles while helping lead his team to a Mid-Empire Conference title and a Shrine Bowl victory … In 2005, recorded 89 tackles, 28 tackles for loss and 13 QB sacks … Junior college coach – Mike Clemons.

» HIGH SCHOOL

At Galt High School, was a 1st-Team All-Conference selection as a senior in 2004, as he recorded 75 tackles and a conference-leading 11 sacks … Also had 40 tackles during his junior season in 2003, along with 7 sacks.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Steve & Holly Corbett … Intends to pursue a degree in hotel and restaurant management … Chose Mizzou over California, Arizona, Kansas State and Kansas, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Craig Kuligowski.

#97

TARELL CORBY

Defensive Lineman
6-3 • 235 • So.-1L
Kansas City, Mo. (North Kansas City HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Long, lean and strong defensive end who could possibly factor in as a top pass rusher in 2007 as Mizzou looks to replace career QB sacks leader Brian Smith … Got his feet wet in 2006 and looks to build on his experience gained during the season … Enters fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at one end position after turning in a solid spring camp.

» 2006 SEASON

Saw action in 12-of-13 games on the season, mostly on special teams return units … Registered 1 QB hurry on defense in reserve duty … Spent most of his redshirt freshman season listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at one end position … Had 2 tackles during the 2006 Black & Gold Game to close spring ball.

» 2005 SEASON

Redshirt season … Was very impressive as part of the scout team throughout the season.

» HIGH SCHOOL

One of the most athletic players in MU's class who terrorized opposing offenses as a defensive end … Ranked as the No. 4 overall prospect in the state of Missouri in 2005, and also as the No. 21 weakside defensive end in the nation, according to Rivals.com … SuperPrep rates him as the No. 46 defensive end prospect in the nation … Earned 1st-Team all-state, all-metro, all-conference and all-district honors after a monster senior season that saw him record 116 tackles and 10 QB sacks … Also forced 3 fumbles on the season and recovered 1 fumble while being named the MVP of his defense … Had 87 tackles as a junior, including 8 QB sacks and also created 2 fumbles … Was his team's defensive MVP that year and was named 1st-Team all-district and honorable mention all-conference … Credited by his coach with having a stellar work ethic and a motor that never quits … Also ran track for his school in the spring, running the 100-meters and on the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 teams … High school coach – Chad Valadez.

» PERSONAL

Son of William Bedell & Beatrice Todd … Chose MU over Iowa, Kansas, Kansas State and Tulsa … Lists hobbies as lifting weights and eating … Academic interest lies in business management.

#98

BART COSLET

Defensive Lineman
6-5 • 240 • RS-Fr.
St. Peters, Mo. (Francis Howell Central HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Talented young defensive end prospect who looks to provide an impact at a spot where Mizzou lost longtime starters Brian Smith and Xzavie Jackson … Has the ability to produce in both pass-rush and run-stop situations with his combination of size, speed and strength … Enters fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at one end position … Closed spring ball by recording a pair of tackles in the annual Black & Gold Spring Game.

» 2006 SEASON

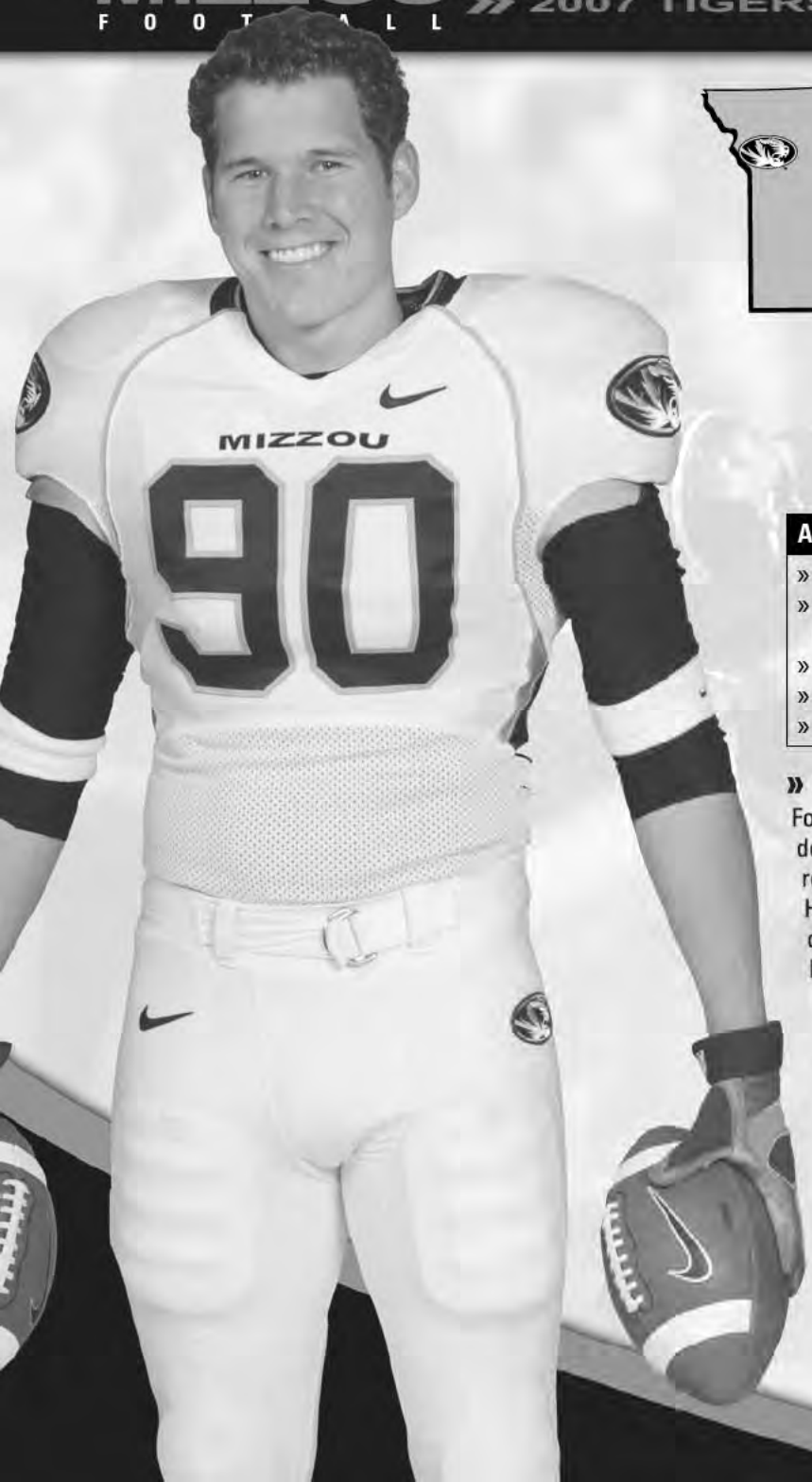
Redshirted in his first season in the program and worked as part of the practice squad.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Highly-rated defensive end prospect out of the St. Louis area that missed his senior year due to a knee injury … Despite missing the season, still ranked as the nation's No. 26 weakside defensive end prospect, and the No. 12 overall prospect in Missouri by Rivals … Was a pre-season All-American by Collegiate Sports prior to his senior season … An outstanding athlete who was also recruited by several Division I schools to play basketball … Played AAU hoops for the well-known St. Louis Eagles AAU team … Earned 1st-Team All-Conference, All-District and All-Metro honors as both a defensive end and tight end as a junior in 2004, as he had 79 tackles and 3 sacks on defense and added 15 catches for 159 yards and 2 TDs on offense … Earned 1st-Team All-Conference and All-District mention as a sophomore tight end in 2003 after grabbing 11 passes for 267 yards and 3 TDs … Also racked up 59 tackles and added 3 QB sacks as a sophomore … Played on both sides of the ball as a freshman, starting some at tight end for the 6A program … High school coach – Todd Berck, who coached former Tiger LB Dedrick Harrington at Mexico (Mo.) High School.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Tom & Krista Coslet … Is an avid outdoor sportsman who lists hobbies as hunting, fishing, camping and floating … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Kansas State, Kansas and Illinois, among others … Primary Mizzou Recruiter – Cornell Ford.



#90

ADAM CROSSETT

Punter/Placekicker
6-3 • 225 • Sr.-3L
Liberty, Mo. (Liberty HS.)

AWARDS

- » May 2007 Graduate
- » 2006 1st-Team Academic All-District (ESPN The Magazine)
- » 2006 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » 2005 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » 2005 Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (Oct. 17)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Former walk-on who has developed into a very dependable special teams presence, and is MU's returning starter as a punter and kickoff man … His career punting average of 40.9 yards per punt currently ranks 4th in MU history … Handled all 3 of MU's kicking duties in 2005 (placekicking, punting and kickoffs), and set an MU single-season scoring record for placekicking with 81 points … An outstanding student who earned his undergraduate degree in marketing this past May, and is playing as a graduate student for 2007.

» 2006 SEASON

MU's top punter and kickoff man, handling both of those duties … Averaged 39.4 yards per punt, which was 9th-best in the Big 12, and 65th-best in the NCAA … Attempted 47 punts in 13 games … ESPN The Magazine named 1st-Team Academic All-District, and earned 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors … Boomed a career-long 79-yard punt against Texas A&M (averaged 55.7 yards on 3 punts on the day).

» 2005 SEASON

Handled all of MU's placekicking, punting and kickoffs for most of the season … Named the team's special forces player of the year, along with his 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors … Broke the MU single-season record for kickers by scoring 81 points and ranks 7th all-time among players.

» 2004 SEASON

MU's primary kickoff-man and handled all 3 kicking duties … Named 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12.

» 2003 SEASON

Joined the team as a walk-on.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Team MVP as a senior and booted a school-record 45-yard field goal … High school coach – Pat Hansen.

» PERSONAL

Son of John & Gretchen Crossett … Earned his undergraduate degree in marketing in May of 2007.

» CROSSETT CAREER STATISTICS

		Punting						
	G	Punts-Yds.	Avg.	Long	TB	FC	50+	I20
2004	3-3	23-907	39.4	58	2	2	3	5
2005	10-10	57-2432	42.7	61	2	5	13	17
2006	13-13	47-1852	39.4	79	6	7	4	14
Totals	**26-26**	**127-5191**	**40.9**	**79**	**10**	**14**	**20**	**36**

#10

CHASE DANIEL

Quarterback
6-0 • 225 • Jr.-2L
Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

AWARDS

» 2006 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches)
» 2006 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Associated Press)
» 2006 Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 4 & Nov. 27)
» 2006 1st-Team Academic All-District (ESPN The Magazine)
» 2006 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12
» 2006 Team Offensive Back of the Year

» 2007 OUTLOOK

One of the nation's most exciting signal callers looked to for big things after producing a record-setting 2006 campaign in his first year as a collegiate starter ... A 2nd-Team All-Big 12 selection a year ago by league coaches and could be a pre-season favorite for 1st-Team all-league honors ... Owns the best career QB rating in MU history, at 139.40 entering the 2007 season, as well as numerous single-game and single-season passing and total offense records.

» 2006 SEASON

First-year starter who replaced record-setting QB Brad Smith, and attained legendary status of his own, helping lead the Tigers to 8 regular-season wins for just the 10th time in school history ... Shattered MU single-season records for passing yards and passing TDs ... Broke Smith's season record for TDs responsible for with 32, and total offense, with a record 3,906 yards of offense – his per-game average of 300.5 ranked 5th in the NCAA, the highest category ranking a Tiger has rated since 1942 ... Season pass efficiency rating of 145.06 ranked 22nd in the NCAA, and 2nd-best in MU single season history – his career mark of 139.40 is currently the best in MU history ... Had a record 11, 200-yard passing games on the year ... Threw for an MU bowl-record 330 yards and 2 TDs on just 16 completions (20.6 yards per completion) in Oregon State bowl game ... Tossed a school record 5 TD passes against Murray State with his first career 300-yard passing day (320 yards) ... First MU player to throw for 4 TDs in a game more than once ... Team's No. 2 rusher, with 379 yards and 4 TDs.

» 2005 SEASON

Won the backup job in fall camp, despite true freshman status ... Saw action in 10 games and completed nearly 60% of his passes, going 38-of-66 for 347 yards and 1 TD, with 2 INTs ... Rushed 39 times for 57 yards and 1 TD ... Rallied Mizzou from a 10-point deficit against Iowa State, leading the Tigers to victory.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Named the 2004 EA Sports National High School Player of the Year ... More honors: EA Sports 1st-Team All-American (multipurpose) in 2004; Parade All-American in 2004 ... High school coach – Todd Dodge.

» PERSONAL

Son of Bill & Vickie Daniel ... Chose MU over Texas A&M, Oklahoma State, Maryland, Stanford and many others ... Academic interest lies in business finance.

» DANIEL CAREER PASSING STATISTICS

	G-GS	Comp.-Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	INTs	Rating
2005	10-0	38-66	57.6%	347	1	2	100.68
2006	13-13	287-452	63.5%	3,527	28	10	145.06
Totals	**23-13**	**325-518**	**62.7%**	**3,874**	**29**	**12**	**139.40**

#14

SCIPIO DANIELS

Strong Safety
6-0 • 180 • Fr.
Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

In-state prospect who has walked onto the Tiger program and will look to lend his talents to the strong safety position … Participated in 2007 spring drills and enters fall camp listed No. 4 on the depth chart there.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 3-sport letterwinner in football, track and field and basketball … Earned All-District and All-Area recognition as a senior defensive back, as he amassed 56 tackles and grabbed 2 interceptions on the year … Added 36 stops and 2 INTs as a junior … Was a standout in track who won All-State honors each of his last 3 years … High school coaches – Kelley Donahoe & Mike Spotts.

» PERSONAL

Mother – Erania Love … Is the nephew of Lorenzo Hicks, who started 3 years at cornerback for Nebraska recently … Plans to study finance in Mizzou's prestigious School of Business … Chose Mizzou over Illinois, Arkansas and Iowa State, among others.

#2

CONNELL DAVIS

Linebacker
6-3 • 215 • So.-1L
Portland, Texas (Gregory-Portland HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Moved to linebacker during spring ball after spending the first 2 years at Mizzou as a tailback … Made quick strides during the spring at his new position, and showed some nice natural skills to go along with his great combination of size, strength and speed … Made several noticeable big hits during spring scrimmages and now enters fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at the weakside position … Had 3 tackles during the annual Black & Gold Spring Game … Could factor into MU's kickoff return plans as well, after spending part of last season on the return unit as a deep back.

» 2006 SEASON

Played in 11 games and carried the ball 6 times for 18 yards, including a long of 14 in the opener against Murray State … All 6 of his carries came in MU's first 3 games of the year … Carried twice against Murray State for 15 net yards … Was also part of MU's kick return unit, returned one kickoff for 24 yards and registered 2 tackles on the year on kickoff coverage … Was the leading rusher in the Black & Gold Game, with 44 yards on 11 carries … Also scored the game's only rushing TD of the day on a 7-yard scamper in the 4th quarter … Was at full strength in time for the spring practice period, after he had offseason surgery to repair injuries in both his left knee and right shoulder.

» 2005 SEASON

Redshirt season … Was very impressive throughout the year running with the scout team offense.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Rated as the No. 38 tailback prospect in the country, and the No. 78 prospect at any position out of the state of Texas by Rivals.com … Ran for over 4,000 yards in his high school career, while playing for Gregory-Portland High School … Helped lead his team to an undefeated regular season in 2004, and a state quarterfinal showing in Class 4A … Rushed for 2,029 yards and scored 28 TDs, named a 1st-Team all-state running back by the Texas Sports Writers Association and also earned team offensive MVP honors … Was a 2-year team captain … Was a 2nd-team all-district running back as a junior, when he rushed for 1,156 yards and scored 17 TDs to help lead his school to the 2nd of 3 straight district titles … Earned All-Metro newcomer of the year honors as a sophomore after rushing for 1,246 yards and 16 TDs, helping lead his team to the state semifinals … Has also been a standout on the track, as he held the 2nd-fastest times in South Texas in the 100- and 200-meters with times of 10.76 and 21.59, respectively … Also won the Texas Relays long jump competition with a leap of 22-09.25 … High school coach – George Harris.

» PERSONAL

Son of John & Shannon Boesen … Was born in Philadelphia, Pa. and grew up a Penn State fan, as his mother attended PSU … Chose MU over Colorado, TCU, Baylor, Penn State and UTEP, among others … Lists hobbies as fishing, hunting and surfing … Academic interest lies in studying occupational therapy.

» DAVIS CAREER STATISTICS

						Kickoff	
	G-GS	Rush-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long	Returns	Avg.
2006	11-0	6-18	3.0	0	14	1-24	24.0
Totals	**11-0**	**6-18**	**3.0**	**0**	**14**	**1-24**	**24.0**

#35

MATT DAVIS

Defensive Back
6-1 • 185 • RS-Fr.
Lake Ozark, Mo. (School of the Osage HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Athletic walk-on prospect who will add his talent to the pool of candidates at defensive back, where he hopes to move his way up the depth chart.

» HIGH SCHOOL

A 3-sport standout at School of the Osage in Lake Ozark, as he earned All-Conference and All-District honors in football, basketball and track and field ... Earned All-Conference and All-District honors as a senior defensive back, wide receiver and also at punter ... Had 44 tackles, 4 INTs and 2 forced fumbles his senior season, to go with 20 receptions for 2 TDs and a 37-yard punting average ... Also earned All-Conference/All-District acclaim in basketball, where he averaged 10 points and 7 rebounds per game as a senior, winning his team's MVP honors ... As a senior, was a state track qualifier in the high jump, long jump and in the 4 x 400-meter relay as well as a senior, winning conference and district titles in those events, plus the 4 x 100-meter relay ... Won conference championships as a junior in track in the long jump and the pole vault as a sophomore, to go with three consecutive 4 x 200-meter relay titles from 2003-05 ... High school coach – Shannon Jolley.

» PERSONAL

Parents – James & Sheila Davis ... Plans to enroll in MU's esteemed School of Engineering, where he wants to study in the biomedical field.

#26

KEVIN DUNCAN

Free Safety
5-10 • 200 • Jr.-Sq.
O'Fallon, Ill. (Township HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Athletic walk-on in his second year as a safety after playing as a scout team tailback for his first 2 seasons in the program … Enters fall camp listed No. 4 on the depth chart at the free safety position … Had a 2-tackle outing in the annual spring game to close spring ball.

» 2006 SEASON

Moved to safety in the spring, after playing as a scout team tailback for the previous 2 seasons … Did not see action in 2006, after entering fall camp listed No. 4 on the depth chart at the free safety position, after playing strong safety during the spring … Changed his jersey number to 1 during the spring, after wearing 15 the previous 2 seasons, but later changed again to 26 during the course of the year.

» 2005 SEASON

Walk-on tailback who saw action in 1 game on the season, and made the most of his opportunity, as he carried 2 times against Troy for 33 yards … Included in that total was a 37-yarder he broke off, which was longer than any Tiger had on the season, with the exception of Brad Smith and Tony Temple … Had a solid spring practice period that saw him lead all rushers in the 2005 spring game, with 48 yards and a TD … Also caught a pass out of the backfield that went for 22 yards.

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Joined the team as a walk-on and was a member of the scout team offense.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a standout tailback at Township High School, as he was a 1st-Team All-Conference performer as a senior, with 1,150 yards rushing and 15 TDs … As a junior, he rushed for 400 yards and 6 TDs, and also contributed on defense with 30 tackles and 4 forced fumbles … Also participated in basketball and track for his school … High school coach – Todd Moeller.

» PERSONAL

Son of Ames III and Patricia Duncan … Majoring in hotel and restaurant management.

#2

WILLIAM FRANKLIN

Wide Receiver
6-2 • 205 • Sr.-3L
St. Louis, Mo. (Vashon HS)

AWARDS

» 2006 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Associated Press, Coaches)
» 2006 Team Receiver of the Year
» 2006 Team Metro St. Louis Player of the Year

» 2007 OUTLOOK

A game-breaker wideout and one of the Big 12's most dangerous deep threats and best receiver play makers … Likely candidate for 1st-Team All-Big 12 honors and contender for national honors … 3rd-leading returning receiver in the Big 12 from a year ago (75.36 ypg), despite a season-ending shoulder injury … Made 4 catches for 39 yards and 1 TD in limited action in spring camp … Tops the depth chart at the X-receiver position … 1,416 career receiving yards ranks 8th on the MU career top-10 list … Changed his jersey number to 2 during spring ball, after previously wearing 3 to honor fallen former Tiger teammate, #2 Damien Nash.

» 2006 SEASON

Became one of the Big 12's most dangerous receiving threats and best play makers … A torn labrum in his right shoulder ended his season 2 games early … Constantly dependable at X-Receiver spot … Caught career-high 48 passes for 829 yards and 6 TDs … Ranked 7th-best on Mizzou's single-season charts … Set MU season record with 5-of-6 TDs from 30 yards or farther … Ranked in MU's top 10 for receiving yard after surpassing 1,000 yards … Ranked 27th in NCAA receiving ypg. (75.4) and 3rd in the Big 12.

» 2005 SEASON

Excelled at the H-receiver spot … Ended 4th on the team with a career-high 40 catches for 413 yards and 2 TDs on the year, starting in 11 games … Caught a career-best 9 passes for 94 yards against the Huskers … Caught 8 passes for a career-high 116 yards and 1 TD, the highest Tiger yardage season game total.

» 2004 SEASON

True freshman who played every game, had 6 catches for 174 yards and 1 TD.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Earned all-state, all-metro and all-league honors … High school coach – Reginald Ferguson.

» PERSONAL

Son of William Franklin, Sr. & Tejauna Roach … Academic interest lies in sports management … Chose MU over Michigan, Iowa, Illinois and Michigan State, among others.

» FRANKLIN CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rush-Yds.
2004	11-0	6	174	29.0	1	46	0-0
2005	12-11	40	413	10.3	2	42	8-17
2006	11-11	48	829	17.3	6	68	0-0
Totals	**34-22**	**94**	**1,416**	**15.1**	**9**	**68**	**8-17**

» FRANKLIN CAREER HIGHS

Receptions:	9, at New Mexico, 2006
Receiving Yards:	138, vs. Murray State, 2006
Receiving TDs:	2, 2 Times
Longest Reception:	68, vs. Ohio, 2006

#91

CHARLES GAINES

Defensive Lineman
6-1 • 305 • Sr.
Hayti, Mo. (North HS/Hutchinson CC/Lincoln University)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Potential impact newcomer on the defensive line who has the ability to provide big-plays in the trenches for the Tigers ... Joined MU a year ago after spending time enrolled at both Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College and Lincoln University (in nearby Jefferson City, Mo.) ... Enters the year as a senior in eligibility, but hopes to gain another year with a successful appeal to the NCAA after the 2007 season ... Took part in spring drills, and enters fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at the defensive tackle position.

» 2006 SEASON

Sat out the year due to NCAA transfer rules ... Stood out regularly as part of the defensive scout team.

» JUNIOR COLLEGE

Began his collegiate career at Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College, but left to return home to help care for his ailing grandmother ... Later enrolled and played at Lincoln University, where he won team most valuable player honors for the 2005 season, starting on both the offensive and defensive lines.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 1st-Team All-State selection at Hayti, playing both defensive tackle and fullback ... Was a 1st-Team All-State performer on defense as a senior for Hayti North High School, and also won 1st-Team All-Conference honors that year on both sides of the ball ... Injury problems held him back during his sophomore and junior seasons, but he still won 2nd-Team All-Conference acclaim on both sides of the ball each year, after being a 1st-Team All-Conference defender as a freshman ... Also competed in track, where he broke the school record in the discus ... High school coach - Shawn Jackson, who spent the 2006 season as MU's Director of Football Recruiting.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Charles & Judy Gaines ... Chose Mizzou over Arkansas and Illinois, among others.

#45

MARLON GALBREATH

Linebacker
6-2 • 215 • RS-Fr.
Jefferson City, Mo. (Jefferson City HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Walk-on linebacker prospect who enters fall camp hoping to contribute after posting a solid spring practice session … Is the younger cousin of former Mizzou star running back Tony Galbreath, who was an All-Big Eight selection for the Tigers in 1974, and who went on to be a second-round pick in the 1976 NFL Draft.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 2-time first-team All-District pick as a linebacker for Jefferson City in his final 2 years … Was a team captain was voted as the team's best defender and linebacker as a senior … Played 1 season at Rock Bridge High School in Columbia for former Tiger standout A.J. Ofodile, before transferring to Jefferson City … Also competed in track during his prep days at Jefferson City … High school coach – Tony Grosso.

» PERSONAL

Mother – Debra Bradford … Plans to major in finance and real estate, with potential career goals of entering either the real estate or law enforcement industries.

#8

JUSTIN GARRETT

Strong Safety
6-2 • 200 • Jr.
Baton Rouge, La. (Istrouma HS/Pasadena CC)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Highly-regarded safety prospect who will have 2 years to play 2 at Mizzou … A December graduate of Pasadena City College who enrolled at Mizzou for winter semester, took part in 2007 spring drills, and made a strong first impression with his physical play and natural talents … Enters fall camp holding down the No. 2 spot on the depth chart at the strong safety position, behind senior Pig Brown … Was junior college teammate with fellow 2007 recruiting classmate Tremane Vaughns.

» JUNIOR COLLEGE

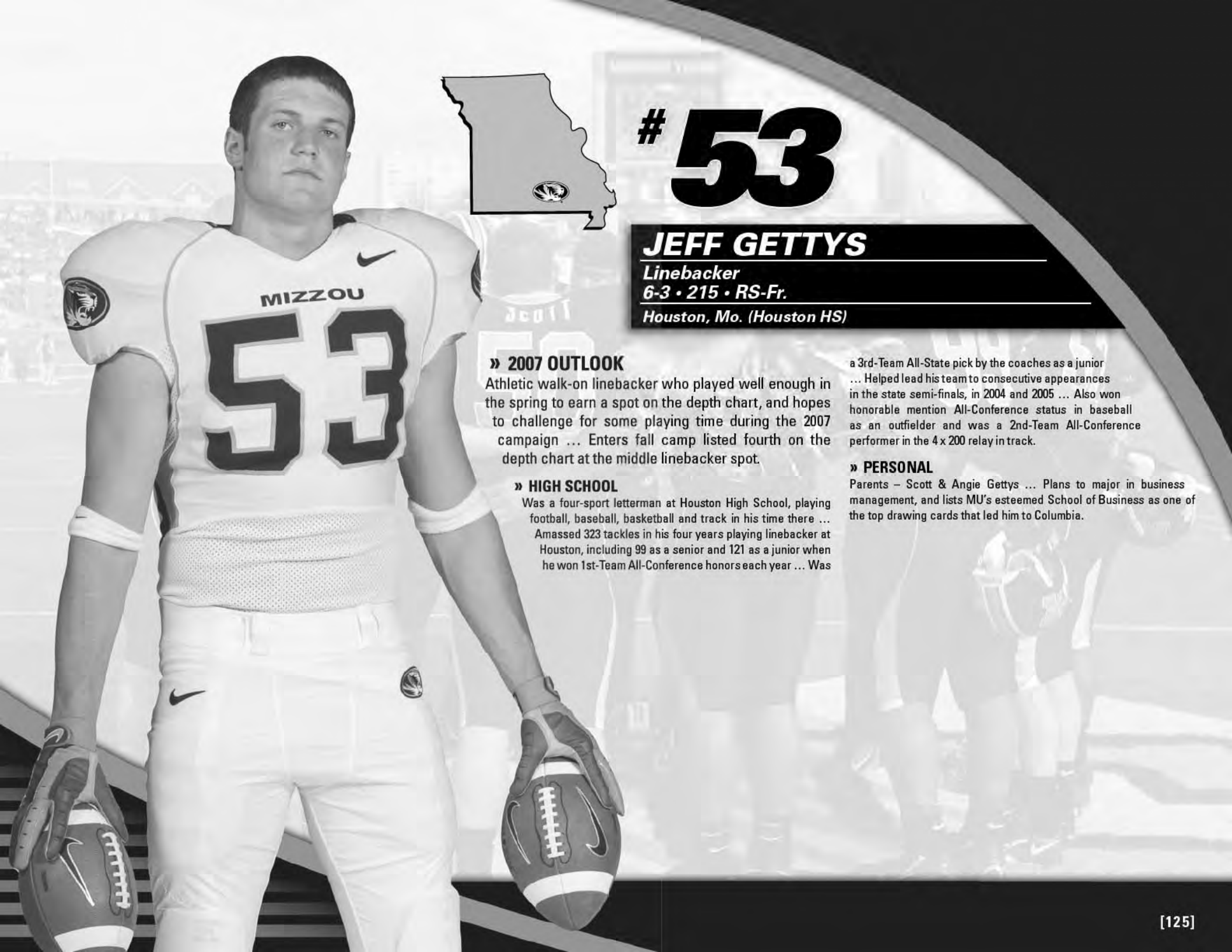
Ranked by Super Prep as the nation's No. 64 overall JUCO recruit (all positions), and as the nation's No. 6-ranked safety … Played the 2004 and 2005 seasons at the junior college level, and originally signed with Tennessee as part of their 2006 signing class, but ended up not attending UT and could still be recruited … Named 2nd-Team All-Mission League as a sophomore in 2005 at Pasadena City College, as he led the team in tackles with 83, including 3.5 TFLs … Also broke up 6 passes, forced 1 fumble and blocked 1 kick that year … Played his first year of junior college in 2004 at Citrus College, where he was a 2nd-Team All-Conference performer and team defensive freshman of the year, after amassing 88 tackles and adding 4 INTs and 3 forced fumbles … Helped lead Citrus College to the 2004 Western States Conference Championship … Junior College Coach – Dennis Gossard.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 1st-Team All-State and All-District performer as a junior in 2002 at Istrouma High School, with 75 tackles, 3 QB sacks and 3 INTs … Repeated those honors as a senior and was also named by Max Emfinger as a Blue Chip All-American in 2003 … High School Coach – Troy Jones.

» PERSONAL

Parents – James & Judy Garrett … Primary recruiter – Bruce Walker.



#53

JEFF GETTYS

Linebacker
6-3 • 215 • RS-Fr.
Houston, Mo. (Houston HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Athletic walk-on linebacker who played well enough in the spring to earn a spot on the depth chart, and hopes to challenge for some playing time during the 2007 campaign … Enters fall camp listed fourth on the depth chart at the middle linebacker spot.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a four-sport letterman at Houston High School, playing football, baseball, basketball and track in his time there … Amassed 323 tackles in his four years playing linebacker at Houston, including 99 as a senior and 121 as a junior when he won 1st-Team All-Conference honors each year … Was a 3rd-Team All-State pick by the coaches as a junior … Helped lead his team to consecutive appearances in the state semi-finals, in 2004 and 2005 … Also won honorable mention All-Conference status in baseball as an outfielder and was a 2nd-Team All-Conference performer in the 4 x 200 relay in track.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Scott & Angie Gettys … Plans to major in business management, and lists MU's esteemed School of Business as one of the top drawing cards that led him to Columbia.

#86

CHRIS GARES

Wide Receiver
5-9 • 195 • So.
Hartsburg, Mo. (Southern Boone HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Walk-on Missouri native who will look to add depth at the wideout position for the Tigers … Enters fall camp listed No. 4 on the depth chart at the H-receiver position … Changed his jersey number to #86, after wearing #40 the previous year.

» 2006 SEASON

Did not see action in his first year with the squad.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport letter winner at Southern Boone High School, which did not have a football program until the 2003 season … Joined the program for its inaugural season, and as a senior in 2004, served as the team captain and won offensive MVP honors after leading the team in both passing and rushing yardage … Also lettered 4 years in baseball and 3 more in basketball … High school coach – Mike Hall.

» PERSONAL

Son of Alan & Iona Gares … Is majoring in nutritional sciences.

#43

JON GISSINGER

Tight End
6-2 • 235 • So.-1L
San Diego, Calif. (Poway HS)

AWARDS

» 2006 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Promising tight end prospect who is also an accomplished long snapper … Has good combination of size, speed and strength and has displayed good hands over the past 2 years in the program … Enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at tight end, and is likely to continue his service on the Tiger kickoff return unit … Also could work his way into the rotation at snapping for kicks … Continued his development over the spring, and he capped off spring drills by catching a 3-yard TD pass in the Black & Gold Game from QB Dominic Grooms, ending the day with 3 catches for 14 yards in all … Is the roommate of starting QB Chase Daniel.

» 2006 SEASON

Saw action in all 13 games, playing on MU's kickoff return unit, primarily … An outstanding student who earned 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors … Showed good progress throughout the spring period, and he capped off his spring camp by catching 2 passes in the Black & Gold Game for 31 yards … Entered fall camp listed No. 4 on the depth chart at tight end.

» 2005 SEASON

Redshirt season.

» HIGH SCHOOL

An accomplished tight end and long snapper prospect from Poway High School in San Diego, Calif. … Is known as a physical player with excellent hands who works effectively in open space … Was an all-conference selection at tight end as a senior, catching 43 passes for 563 yards and 7 TDs … Also carried 8 times on the year for 68 yards … Was a team captain and earned team's Most Inspirational award … As a junior, caught 8 passes for 1 TD and was named the league's special teams player of the year … Learned to long snap from his father, who was a standout offensive lineman at Syracuse University and a 5-year NFL veteran for the San Diego Chargers … Considered one of the top lacrosse players on the West Coast, who was recruited by virtually all high-profile lacrosse programs around the country … Had scholarship offers from defending national champion Syracuse for lacrosse, among many other schools … All-state selection in lacrosse who was his league's defensive player of the year … High school coach – Damian Gonzalez.

» PERSONAL

Son of Andrew III & Melissa Gissinger and Gloria Truitte … Father played collegiate offensive line for Syracuse, and later played professionally from 1982-86 for the NFL's San Diego Chargers … Chose MU over LSU, Arizona State, Maryland, Kansas, Hawaii and South Florida, among others … Plans to study marketing, and MU's School of Business was a factor in his decision to attend Mizzou.

#7

EARL GOLDSMITH

Tailback
5-9 • 200 • Jr.-2L
Denton, Texas (Ryan HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Strong and speedy running back looking to avoid injury after missing the last 3 games of 2006 due to a broken right hand suffered in game #10 at Nebraska … Enters 2007 listed at No. 4 tailback on the depth chart … Suffered a severely sprained ankle during winter conditioning but will be healthy for fall … Helped lead his team to the championship in the football program's first-ever spring 3-on-3 basketball tournament in 2005.

» 2006 SEASON

Strong and speedy running back with good vision who missed the last 3 games due to a broken right hand … Made his 1st career start against Nebraska and carried 5 times before the injury … Pre-injury, was MU's primary kickoff return man, and averaged 19.5 yards on 13 returns, ranked 8th-best in the Big 12 … Regarded as MU's best pass-catcher coming out of the backfield … His per-carry average of 3.9 yards was 3rd-best among Tiger tailbacks … Recorded a career-high 2 receptions (16 yards) at Texas Tech … Set a career-high with 31 yards (on 4 rushes) against Kansas State, including a career-long jaunt of 16 yards … Returned the opening kickoff against Kansas State a season-best 32 yards.

» 2005 SEASON

Hampered by injury problems in his first year on the field against Troy, but played the final four outings, including MU's bowl game, where he ran 2 times for 12 yards overall … Per-rush average of 6.2 yards (37 yards on 6 carries) topped MU's top-line running backs … One of MU's primary return men and had 41 combined return yards against ASU.

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Showed promise as a tailback on the scout team

» HIGH SCHOOL

Named 1st-team all-state by the Texas Sports Writers Association and the district 6-4A most valuable player … High school coach – Joey Florence.

» PERSONAL

Son of Herman & Sandra Goldsmith … Chose MU over Texas Tech, Oklahoma State, Rice and Tulsa, among others.

» GOLDSMITH CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rush-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2005	7-0	6-37	6.2	0	11
2006	10-1	28-109	3.9	1	16
Totals	**17-1**	**34-146**	**4.3**	**1**	**16**

» GOLDSMITH CAREER HIGHS

Rushes:	5, 3 times
Rushing Yards:	31, vs. Kansas State, 2006
Rushing TDs:	1, at New Mexico, 2006
Longest Rush:	16, vs. Kansas State, 2006
Receptions:	2, at Texas Tech, 2006
Receiving Yards:	22, vs. Ohio, 2006
Longest Reception:	22, vs. Ohio, 2006
Longest Kickoff Return:	32, vs. Kansas State, 2006
Longest Punt Return:	12, vs. Baylor, 2006

#78

KURTIS GREGORY

Offensive Lineman
6-5 • 305 • So.-1L
Blackburn, Mo. (Santa Fe HS)

AWARDS

» 2006 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12

» 2007 OUTLOOK

An impressive physical specimen who has the size, quickness and skills to be an impact player … Was limited during spring drills in 2007, as he had off-season surgery to clean up nagging injuries in his left shoulder and right knee … Will be 100 percent in time for the 2007 season … Despite being limited in the spring, enters fall camp listed atop the depth chart at the right guard spot … His family met with tragedy during the 2006 spring storm season, when his older sister's house was destroyed by a tornado … Thankfully, no one was injured, and the Tiger football coaches later pooled together $1,000 to help aid the family as they began the rebuilding process.

» 2006 SEASON

Saw action in all 13 games as a redshirt freshman, gaining more time as the season progressed … Entered the Sun Bowl game listed No. 2 on the depth chart at left tackle … Is an outstanding student who earned 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors this year … Entered spring listed on the depth chart at left guard, but after the injury to incumbent starter Tyler Luellen at left tackle, Gregory took over and got invaluable experience at the spot, looking impressive in doing so.

» 2005 SEASON

Redshirt season … Spent his 1st year getting acclimated to the program and practiced as part of the scout team.

» HIGH SCHOOL

A standout two-way lineman for Class 1A school Santa Fe … Ranked as the No. 41 defensive tackle prospect nationally, and as the No. 9 overall prospect in the state of Missouri for 2005, according to Rivals.com, … Has strong footwork skills on the offensive line, and helped lead his school to a runner-up finish in Class 2 in both 2003 and 2004 … Santa Fe won conference championships every year but his sophomore season in 2002 … Displayed his athleticism by playing on Santa Fe's kickoff teams … Earned all-state honors 3 times offensively and twice defensively … Was also a 1st-Team all-conference selection on offense 3 times, and defensively 2 times … Defensively, had 88 tackles as a senior, including 33 tackles for loss and 12 QB sacks … Had 71 stops as a junior, adding 12 QB sacks, as well … Named the KMZU Dream Team Defensive Player of the Year in both 2003 and 2004 … Is the first Division I player to come from Santa Fe High School … Is also a standout on the track for his school, as he has finished 5th in the state in the shot put (2004), and 7th and 8th in the discus (2003 and 2004, respectively) … Also ran on his team's 4 x 100 relay team that won district and qualified for the state championships in 2004 … High school coach – Bill Fox & Jarrod Borland.

» PERSONAL

Son of Roger & Ruth Gregory … Chose MU over Kansas, Kansas State and Nebraska, among others … Lists hobbies as hunting, fishing, farm work and trap shooting … Plans to study agricultural economics or management at Mizzou.

#5

DOMINIC GROOMS

Quarterback
6-1 • 185 • RS-Fr.
Tampa, Fla. (Middleton HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Smooth, athletic signal caller who draws comparisons to former record-setting Tiger QB Brad Smith in terms of his ability to provide a balanced run-pass combination … Had an impressive spring camp, and showed an ability to effectively operate MU's spread offensive attack … Closed spring drills with an impressive performance in the Black & Gold Game that saw him throw and rush for a TD, and end the day with 10-of-15 passing for 86 yards and add 34 yards rushing total … Enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at quarterback.

» 2006 SEASON

Redshirted in his first season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Four-year starter at QB who was rated as the No. 24 dual-threat QB in the nation, according to Rivals … Had a very successful senior season, that saw him compile 1,600 yards and 16 TDs passing, and he added 512 yards and 8 TDs on the ground … Transferred to Middleton High School for his senior year, and he led the Tigers to a 7-4 record in 2005 and to the 4A quarterfinals … Played his first 3 years of ball at Tampa Bay Tech, where he exploded on the scene as a sophomore when he threw for 1,928 yards and 18 TDs, and ran for 382 yards and 3 TDs … Missed 5 games due to a foot injury as a junior, but still amassed 1,010 yards passing, 6 TDs and ran for 212 yards and 2 TDs … Started his first game late in the year as a freshman at Tampa Bay Tech and had 492 yards passing (3 TDs) and 120 yards rushing (1 TD) … Also competed in track at Middleton … High school coach – Harry Hubbard.

» PERSONAL

Mother – Vicki Grooms … Chose Mizzou over South Florida, North Carolina State, Clemson, North Carolina, Vanderbilt and Bowling Green, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

#73

THOMAS HELLM

Offensive Lineman
6-3 • 270 • Fr.
St. Louis, Mo. (Sumner HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

In-state walk-on offensive lineman who has the frame to contribute as he continues to grow in the program … Enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at left tackle, after participating in spring drills for the first time in 2007.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was an all-conference selection as a senior in football and wrestling … Was an all-metro pick in both sports during his junior season … Had a 17-9 record wrestling in the 275-pound weight class as a senior, and was ranked in the state's top-20.

» PERSONAL

Mother – Shiril Simmons … Is the oldest of seven children in his family … Plans to major in mechanical engineering.

#69

JESSE HERNANDEZ

Offensive Lineman
6-2 • 305 • RS-Fr.
Ardmore, Okla. (Ardmore HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Athletic and tough-minded offensive line prospect who can potentially contribute at a variety of spots on the line … Showed continued development during spring ball, and he now enters 2007 fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the left guard position.

» 2006 SEASON

Redshirted in his first season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was ranked among the top-30 players to come out of the state of Oklahoma (No. 26 overall prospect in Oklahoma by Rivals) … Joined Ardmore teammate Marquis Booker as a member of the 2006 recruiting class at Mizzou … Transferred to Ardmore in the middle of his junior year, after starting his prep career at Lone Grove, Texas … Earned All-District honors as an offensive lineman his senior year as he registered 35 pancake blocks and graded out at 90 percent or better in each game … Also played on the defensive line and had 20 tackles, 2 QB sacks, forced 5 and recovered 4 fumbles … Played on the defensive line and as a tight end his first 3 years of prep career … As a junior in 2005, had 89 tackles, 11 QB sacks, 43 tackles for loss, and added 5 catches for 113 yards … Sophomore season saw him record 74 tackles, 14 QB sacks, 47 tackles for loss and 4 catches for 130 yards … Is an accomplished wrestler who made the Oklahoma Greco/Freestyle national team … High school coach – Mike Loyd.

» PERSONAL

Mother – Teresa Hernandez … Is an avid weightlifter who took 3rd place in a state power lifting competition as a sophomore, competing against 6 seniors … Also has won 2 "toughman" competitions … Interested in studying communications … Chose Mizzou over Miami, Fla., Oklahoma, Tulsa and Baylor, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

#94

ZIGGY HOOD

Defensive Lineman
6-4 • 295 • Jr.-2L
Amarillo, Texas (Palo Duro HS)

AWARDS

» 2006 Team Rigman Outstanding Underclassman Leadership Award
» Spring 2006 Team Most Improved Defensive Lineman

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Playmaker on the defensive interior who is a physical specimen and looks to have a break-out year … Was likely on his way to that type of season a year ago before a broken foot hampered him the rest of the 2006 campaign … Has the physical ability and tough mentality to challenge for all-Big 12 honors, and with good fortune on the health front, MU coaches expect him to do just that in 2007 … Listed 1st-string at the defensive tackle position heading into fall camp … Worked hard to add 45 pounds to his frame since he first set foot on MU's campus … First name is Evander, but is known by most everyone as Ziggy.

» 2006 SEASON

Had his true sophomore season derailed by a broken foot in the 3rd game of the season, but he returned to play in the final 7 games, playing at not quite 100 percent health … Opened the season recording 13 tackles, 3 sacks and 4 TFLs in the first 3 games, before breaking a foot in game #3 at New Mexico … Returned to action from surgery against Texas A&M on Oct. 14 … Had a career-high 36 total tackles, and ended the regular season with a 2-tackle outing against Kansas that included 1 QB sack that forced a MU-recovered fumble … Recorded 1.5 sacks in each game against Murray State and Ole Miss, and had a career-best 6 total tackles vs. the Rebels … Ranked 4th on the club in sacks.

» 2005 SEASON

True freshman who saw action in all 12 games, registering 23 total tackles, including 2.5 TFLs (10 yards) and 1.5 QB sacks (9 yards) … Credited with 2 tackles in Mizzou's Independence Bowl win over South Carolina … Had at least 2 tackles each in 8 straight games, in which he recorded a season-best 5 tackles, and 1.5 QB sacks … Notched 2 tackles against Nebraska, including his first collegiate tackle for loss.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Rivals.com-ranked No. 35 weakside defensive end in the nation … High school coach – Steve Parr.

» PERSONAL

Son of Charles Hood & Mary Payne … Chose MU over Arizona State, Oklahoma State, TCU, Texas-El Paso and Baylor, among others … Academic interest lies in biology.

» HOOD CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles					
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	FF	QBH
2005	12-0	13-10	23	2.5-10	1.5-9	0	2
2006	10-7	24-12	36	5-18	4-16	2	4
Totals	**22-7**	**37-22**	**59**	**7.5-28**	**5.5-25**	**2**	**6**

» HOOD CAREER HIGHS

Tackles:	6, vs. Ole Miss, 2006
Solo Tackles:	5, vs. Ole Miss, 2006
Assisted Tackles:	3, vs. Baylor, 2005
Tackles For Loss:	2.5, vs. Murray State, 2006
Sacks:	1.5, 3 times

#15

DEL HOWARD

Strong Safety
5-11 • 195 • So.-1L
Dallas, Texas (South Garland HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Hard-hitting and skilled defender who moved to strong safety during the spring after earning significant playing time a year ago as a true freshman cornerback … Had a solid developmental spring period, and enters fall drills listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the strong safety position … Was 2nd on the team with 6 tackles and 1 pass break up during the annual Black & Gold Spring Game to close out spring drills … Changed his jersey number to 15 in the spring after wearing 17 a year ago for the Tigers.

» 2006 SEASON

Made solid contributions in his first season, as 1 of 4 true freshmen to earn playing time in 2006, joining WRs Jared Perry and Danario Alexander, and LB Sean Weatherspoon … Was listed No. 2 on the depth chart at one cornerback position entering the bowl game … Played in 12 of 13 games, and ended with 9 total tackles … Was tied for the team lead in the regular season, despite his reserve status, with 2 INTs, picking off passes in consecutive games against Ole Miss and at New Mexico … Had 2 tackles in his collegiate debut, including a TFL for a 2-yard loss that was the hardest hit of the night for Mizzou … Had 3 games with 2 tackles each, including Murray State, Ole Miss and Kansas State … Returned his INT against Ole Miss for 16 yards, just missing breaking it for a TD.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Amassed 143 tackles as a senior, earning 2nd-Team All-State mention, as well as 1st-Team All-District and All-Area honors … Was named the defensive MVP of his district, as he added 3 interceptions, 7 QB sacks, 8 passes broken up and returned a fumble for a TD on the year … Helped his team reach the 3rd round of the state playoffs in 2005 … Earned 1st-Team All-District honors as a junior in 2004 after registering 88 tackles and forcing 3 fumbles … Named team's rookie of the year as a sophomore, making 56 tackles on the year … Was also a multi-year letter winner in track at South Garland … High school coach – Mickey Moss.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Delria & Darlene Gunnells Howard … Has an interest in studying business at Mizzou's highly-regarded School of Business … Chose Mizzou over Wisconsin, Minnesota, Arizona State, Georgia Tech, Purdue, Illinois and Tulsa, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Bruce Walker.

» HOWARD CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.		Total	TFL	INTs
2006	12-0	6-3	9	1-2	2-16	2
Totals	**12-0**	**6-3**	**9**	**1-2**	**2-16**	**2**

#32

AUSTIN HUFF

Tailback
5-8 • 185 • So.-Sq.
Brentwood, Tenn. (Brentwood HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Walk-on tailback who gives the Tigers added depth and athleticism at the position … Had 4 rushes for 17 yards in the Black & Gold Spring Game to close spring ball … A good overall athlete who was part of the winning team in the football program's 2006 spring 3-on-3 basketball tournament, along with teammates Tommy Saunders and Josh Barbo … Does a "spot-on" impression of TV's Regis Philbin, as he demonstrated at a talent contest in El Paso, Texas, last December prior to MU's Sun Bowl game against Oregon State.

» 2006 SEASON

Did not see action on the season, but continued his efforts working hard on the scout team as a tailback.

» 2005 SEASON

Joined the team as a walk-on and contributed to the scout team efforts throughout the year.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Three-year letterwinner in both football and track at Brentwood HS … Was an all-county selection at tailback as a senior, as he rushed for 515 yards and 2 TDs, and added 113 yards receiving with 2 more scores … Played on Brentwood teams that reached the state playoffs from 2002-2004, with his school winning the state title in 2002 … Also lettered as a senior in rugby, and was part of a team that won the state championship … High school coach – Ron Crawford.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Rodney & Lisa Huff … Academic interest lies in broadcast journalism, and Mizzou's renowned School of Journalism is what attracted him to Columbia … Served as the president of his high school's Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

#1

JIMMY JACKSON

Tailback
5-9 • 200 • Jr.-2L
Caruthersville, Mo. (Caruthersville HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Hard-charging tailback who will jockey to earn playing time in the fall at what is a very talented and veteran position group for the Tigers … Enters 2007 fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart, and he could also once again factor into the kickoff return game in 2007 … Has a good mix of speed and power and seems to make plays every time he touches the ball … Ended spring drills by rushing 4 times for 21 yards in the annual Black & Gold Game.

» 2006 SEASON

Ended the regular season listed 2nd on the depth chart … Carried 32 times in 13 games for a total of 123 yards and 1 TD … Averaged 3.8 yards per carry and had a season-high 7 carries at Texas Tech … Also carried 6 times against Colorado for 23 yards … Had a career-high 36 yards on the ground on 4 rushes against Kansas State … Picked up his 1st TD of the season in game #4 against Ohio, scoring from 2 yards out in the 4th quarter … Also returned 4 kickoffs on the season, and can be a solid pass-catcher coming out of the backfield … Had a good spring camp that he capped by rushing for 28 yards on 7 carries in the Black & Gold Game … Caught 2 passes for 21 yards in the spring game … Was full strength for spring practice after off-season surgery to clean up an old meniscus tear in his right knee, as well a broken right foot.

» 2005 SEASON

Was a nice addition to the tailback rotation as he averaged 4.9 yards per carry on 37 attempts, playing in 11 games as a redshirt freshman … His 175 yards rushing were 4th-best on the team, and 3rd-most among Tiger tailbacks … 2 TDs on the year, with his first coming on a strong 13-yard run against Texas… Had a career-best 36 yards rushing against the #2 Longhorns (averaging a healthy 7.2 yards per carry).

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Had big performances in a couple of scrimmages during two-a-days.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Earned all-state, all-region, all-conference and team MVP in 2003 … Recipient of the Carr Award, given annually to the most outstanding player in the southeast Missouri area

» PERSONAL

Son of Jimmy Jackson and Brenda Lloyd … Majoring in hotel and restaurant management … Chose MU over Arkansas, Illinois and Utah, among others … High school coach – David Gilmore.

» JACKSON CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rush-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long	Rec.-Yds	TDs	Long
2005	11-0	37-182	4.9	2	24	8-73	0	46
2006	13-0	32-123	3.8	1	16	1-(-2)	0	(-2)
Totals	**24-0**	**69-305**	**4.4**	**3**	**24**	**9-71**	**0**	**46**

#49

MICHAEL KECK

Linebacker
6-5 • 215 • Fr.
Harrisonville, Mo. (Harrisonville HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

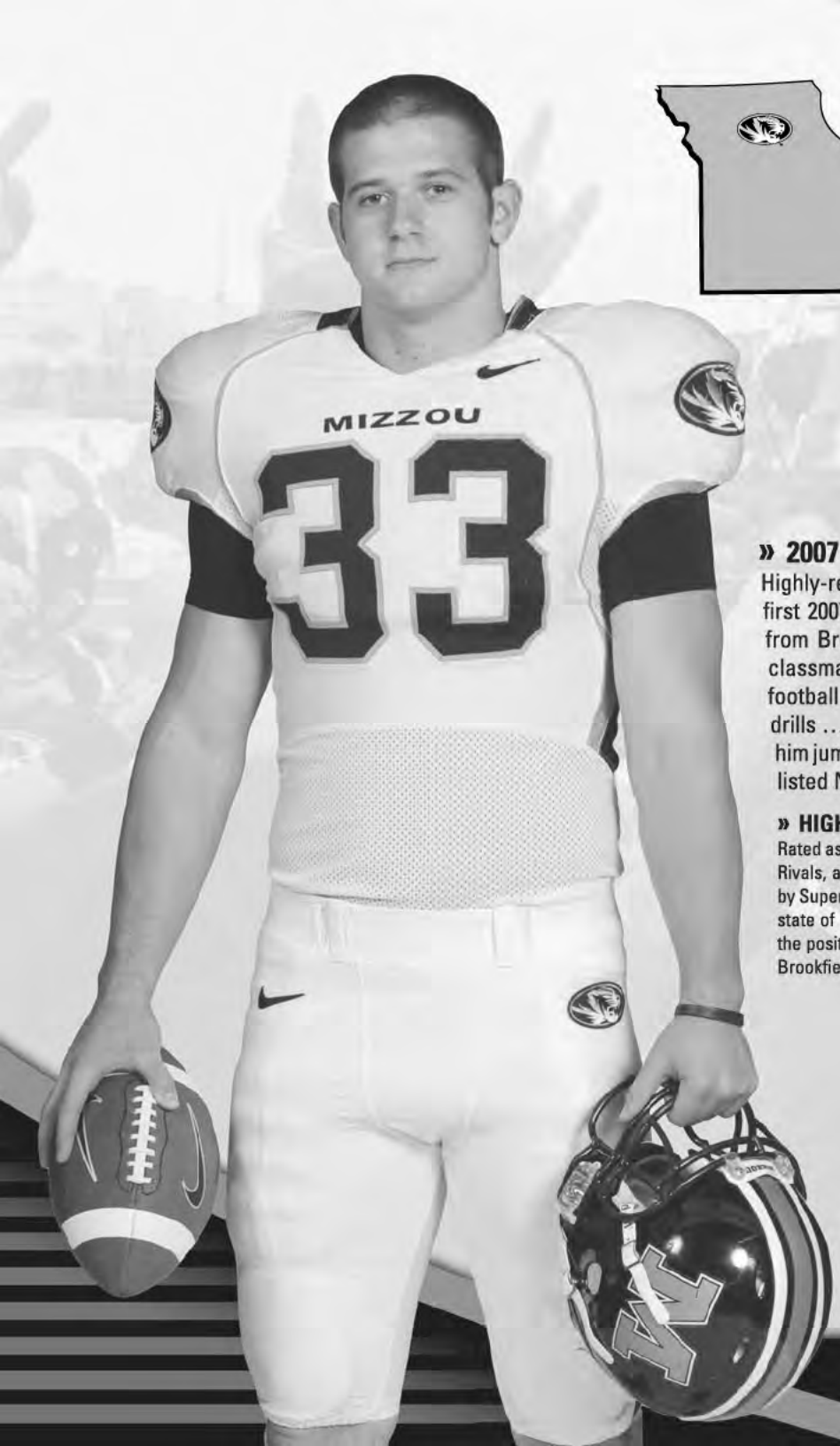
One of the most highly-coveted defensive prospects in the region who was an early commit to Mizzou ... Graduated from high school early and became the first (along with fellow freshman classmate Luke Lambert) to ever enroll early at MU in the sport of football ... A Parade Magazine All-American who took part in spring drills in 2007 and made an immediate impression, as he shot up the depth chart at weakside linebacker, where he holds the No. 2 spot heading into fall drills.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Super Prep rated him as the state's No. 1 overall prospect, and also as an All-American who rates as the nation's No. 11 overall weakside linebacker recruit ... Rated by Rivals as the No. 1 overall prospect in the state of Missouri, and as the No. 4 weakside defensive end in the nation ... The same outlet also rates him as the nation's No. 62 overall prospect (all positions) ... Ranked by Prep Star as the No. 16 overall prospect (any position) in the Midlands region, and as the nation's No. 26 defensive line prospect in 2007 ... Selected to play in the inaugural All-American Offense-Defense Bowl in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ... Was an All-State, All-District and All-Conference honoree each of his last 3 seasons ... Had his senior season impacted by a knee injury, but he returned before the end of the year and helped lead his team to an undefeated 14-0 season and a Class 3 state title ... Harrisonville ran away with the Class 3 title game, in a 56-21 rout over Owensville ... Blocked a punt that was returned by a teammate for a TD in the title game ... Ended the season with 65 tackles, 4 QB sacks, 3 forced fumbles and 2 recovered fumbles, and also scored a defensive TD on a fumble return of 68 yards ... Was a starter for Harrisonville midway through his freshman season, and he helped build a dynasty that saw them win 3 Class 3 state titles (2003, 2005, 2006) and 1 runner-up finish (2004) ... In his 4 years, Harrisonville had a combined record of 53-3 ... Had 148 tackles, 12 QB sacks and 3 forced fumbles as a junior in 2005 as his team went 13-1 and won a state title ... Registered 90 tackles and 8 QB sacks as a sophomore in 2004, and preceded that with 70 tackles and 6 QB sacks as a freshman during a 14-0 state title season in 2003 ... Also starred for his school in basketball and track and field ... High school coach – Fred Bouchard.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Bartholomew Keck and Tina Silver ... Grandmother – Charlotte Keck ... Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa, Alabama, Colorado, Kansas State and Kansas, among a host of others ... Is interested in studying either education or sports medicine ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.



#33

LUKE LAMBERT

Linebacker
6-3 • 215 • Fr.
Brookfield, Mo. (Brookfield HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Highly-regarded in-state prospect who was the first 2007 recruit to commit to Mizzou … Graduated from Brookfield a semester early and joined fellow classmate Michael Keck as the first ones in MU football history to enroll early and take part in spring drills … Had a good spring practice period that saw him jump two spots on the depth, and enters fall drills listed No. 2 at the position of middle linebacker.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Rated as the No. 9 player in the state of Missouri (all positions) by Rivals, and as the nation's No. 40 outside linebacker … Ranked by Super Prep as the No. 11 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri, and as the nation's No. 22-ranked prospect at the position of weakside linebacker … Starred at linebacker for Brookfield, and was also a standout as a running back and tight end throughout his career … As a senior in 2006, was named All-State as a linebacker after amassing 165 tackles, recovering 2 fumbles and grabbing 2 INTs (returning 1 for a TD) … Also won 1st-Team All-District honors for his play as a running back, as he gained 1,554 yards and scored 21 TDs on the season … Broke the school record with 383 career tackles … A versatile athlete who also handled kicking duties in his time at Brookfield – was 56-of-70 on extra point attempts … Was a 1st-Team All-State honoree on both sides of the ball as a junior, registering 162 tackles, 2 QB sacks, and 2 forced fumbles at linebacker, while catching 33 passes for 563 yards and 4 TDs as a tight end in 2005 … Also starred in basketball and track at Brookfield, taking 4th place in the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles in track … High school coach – Shane Cavanah.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Steve & Diane Lambert … Is interested in studying nutritional sciences or sports medicine … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

#53

ANDY LOYD

Tight End
6-2 • 220 • RS-Fr.
Branson, Mo. (Branson HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Promising young walk-on athlete who switched to tight end following 2007 spring practice, a position where he was rated as the nation's #40 tight end prospect coming out of Branson High School by ESPN.com … Played on the defensive line as part of the scout team in 2006 at Mizzou, but made a good impression with his athleticism and work ethic.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Two-time All-Conference and All-District performer for Branson High School, at defensive end as a junior and at linebacker as a senior … Was a 3-year starter on the varsity for coach Steve Hancock … Also lettered in track and was a state qualifier in both the 4 x 200 meter relay as well as the discus.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Phil & Patty Loyd … Plans to major in hotel and restaurant management, with a goal of owning his own business … Chose to attend MU over other schools such as Arkansas, Auburn and Georgia Tech.

#79

TYLER LUELLEN

Offensive Lineman
6-7 • 295 • Sr.-3L
Bethany, Mo. (South Harrison HS)

AWARDS

» 2004 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (Sporting News)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

A very talented tackle that has all the physical tools to be a top-line player at the Big 12 level, and Tiger coaches feel he can do just that in 2007 as he enters the season completely healthy after battling injuries every year prior … Enters fall camp listed atop the depth chart at left tackle, where he has 28 career starts entering the year, and 36 career games played overall … Has started 26 consecutive games at left tackle, dating back to the 2004 season finale.

» 2006 SEASON

Was a key member of MU's offensive line that paved the way for the prolific Tiger attack that ended the year ranked 8th nationally in total offense (425.62 ypg) … Started all 13 games at left tackle … Mizzou's offensive line ranked 24th in the nation in fewest QB sacks allowed per game (1.46 pg) … Had his spring season cut short due to a knee injury, but was close to full strength prior to the 2006 season, and entered fall camp listed No. 1 on the depth chart at left tackle.

» 2005 SEASON

Was a steady presence on the left side of the line, protecting the blind side of MU's quarterbacks, and started all 12 games at left tackle … Helped play a large role in MU's offensive improvement in 2005, and paved the way for QB Brad Smith to produce only the 3rd season in NCAA Div. I-A history of 2,000 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing … Had surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff in his left shoulder during the offseason, and sat out of spring drills to ensure he was healthy for the fall season.

» 2004 SEASON

Did an admirable job replacing All-Big 12 tackle Rob Droege, as he played in all 11 games, starting 3 on the year at weakside tackle … Named 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 by The Sporting News … Helped pave the way for MU's thrilling 17-14 overtime win against ISU … Hurt his shoulder but went the rest of the game with the injury … Entered the fall listed No. 1 on the depth chart at weakside tackle.

» 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season … Twice-named scout team MVP.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Rivals.com ranked No. 19 offensive tackle in the nation, No. 4 player overall in Missouri … Named to the PrepStar Magazine 2002 High School Football All-American Team … High school coach – Wes Croy.

» PERSONAL

Son of Dan & Lori Luellen … Majoring in hotel and restaurant management … Chose Mizzou over Oklahoma State, Purdue, Colorado State, Illinois & Kansas, among others.

» LUELLEN CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS
2004	11-3
2005	12-12
2006	13-13
Totals	**36-28**

#76

RYAN MADISON

Offensive Lineman
6-5 • 300 • Jr.-1L
Bethany, Mo. (South Harrison HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Returning starter at left guard who further solidified his spot during spring ball … Enters fall camp listed atop the depth chart at left guard, where he has 14 career games under his belt entering the 2007 season, including 10 starts from a year ago … Plays on the left side of the line alongside high school teammate Tyler Luellen, giving MU the rarity of having a pair of starters from tiny Bethany, Mo. (population of around 3,000).

» 2006 SEASON

Established himself as Mizzou's top left guard (replacing former standout and current Green Bay Packer Tony Palmer) … Came off the bench in MU's first 2 games, took over as a starter in game #3 and started the last 10 games of the regular season before missing the Sun Bowl due to the flu bug that made its way through the team … Was part of a line that helped the Tiger offense rank 8th in the nation in total offense, at 425.62 ypg … Mizzou also had the nation's 10th-ranked passing attack (276.15 ypg) and ranked 24th in the country (2nd in the Big 12) in fewest QB sacks allowed (1.46 pg) … Had a solid spring practice period, and entered fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at left guard.

» 2005 SEASON

Moved to guard after entering fall camp listed 2nd on the depth chart at center, behind incumbent starter Adam Spieker … Saw action in 2 games on the year, seeing the field versus Arkansas State and Troy … Had an impressive year in the weight program, as he added 30 pounds from his listed playing weight of 270 the previous season.

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season.

» HIGH SCHOOL

An excellent athlete who was recruited with the possibility of making an impact on either side of the line … Earned all-state honors as a senior on both sides of the ball, at guard on offense and at tackle on defense … Four-year letterman who helped lead school to 3 consecutive conference championships (2000-02) and back-to-back district titles, and final four state playoff appearances (2000-01) … Was a prep teammate of current Tiger Tyler Luellen … Also lettered in basketball and track and field at South Harrison, and earned all-conference honors in hoops … High school coach – Wes Croy.

» PERSONAL

Son of Leo & Sharol Madison … Chose MU over Illinois, Colorado State, Kansas, Wyoming and Army, among others.

#9

JEREMY MACLIN

Wide Receiver
6-1 • 185 • RS-Fr.
Kirkwood, Mo. (Kirkwood HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Prized recruit from the 2006 class who is bursting with potential to be a big-time playmaker in MU's spread offense … Was expected to challenge for playing time as a true freshman in 2006 before a knee injury suffered over the summer derailed those plans … Worked incredibly hard with his rehabilitation, and actually was cleared to practice toward the end of the 2006 season … Began the spring period listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the H-receiver position, but did well enough to move up one spot to No. 2 heading into fall camp … Had several standout performances during spring scrimmages, and closed the practice period by catching 3 passes in the spring game.

» 2006 SEASON

Came to Columbia during the summer to get a jump on his acclimation period, and by all accounts was on his way to likely earning playing time as a true freshman before a knee injury suffered in 7-on-7 passing drills in July sidelined him for the year … Showed a very determined work ethic during the rehab process, and was cleared to practice with the team before the end of the season.

» HIGH SCHOOL

An outstanding 2-sport athlete who was considered the top wide receiver, and one of the top overall prospects to come out of the state of Missouri in 2006 … Was a star wideout, safety and punt returner for Kirkwood … Ranked as the nation's No. 24 wide receiver prospect by Rivals, and was listed as the No. 3 overall prospect in Missouri by the same outlet … Earned 1st-Team All-State honors as a wideout in 2005, after catching 41 passes for 1,042 yards and 11 TDs, averaging an impressive 25.4 yards per catch … Also carried the ball 36 times for 293 yards and 4 TDs, and added 2 TDs throwing the ball … Proved to be a dangerous return man, as he took 11 punts back for an average of 24.6 yards per return, with 1 going for a TD … Also named All-Conference as a safety, as he notched 55 tackles and added 4 interceptions, including 1 that he returned for a TD … Earned 1st-Team All-State honors as a junior wideout, as he caught 58 passes for 1,184 yards and 18 TDS, while rushing for 2 TDs and also returning 1 kickoff for a score … Added 59 tackles and 6 interceptions on defense as a junior … Named 2nd-Team All-Conference as a sophomore wideout and return specialist – caught 33 passes for 356 yards and 4 TDs, and averaged 25 yards per punt return (1 TD) and 30 yards per kickoff return that year … Was also a standout on the hardwood, as he averaged 11 points, 4 assists and 2.5 steals per game for Kirkwood's basketball team … Was an honorable-mention All-State and 1st-Team All-Conference guard as a junior, averaging 13 points, 5 assists and 4 steals per game … High school coach – Larry Frost.

» PERSONAL

Mother – Cleo Maclin … Has an interest in studying accounting or marketing at Mizzou's School of Business … Chose Mizzou over Ohio State, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas Tech, Colorado, Notre Dame, UCLA and Illinois, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Cornell Ford.

#92

ANDY MAPLES

Defensive Lineman
6-4 • 295 • Jr.
Lester, Ala. (West Limestone HS/College of the Sequoias)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

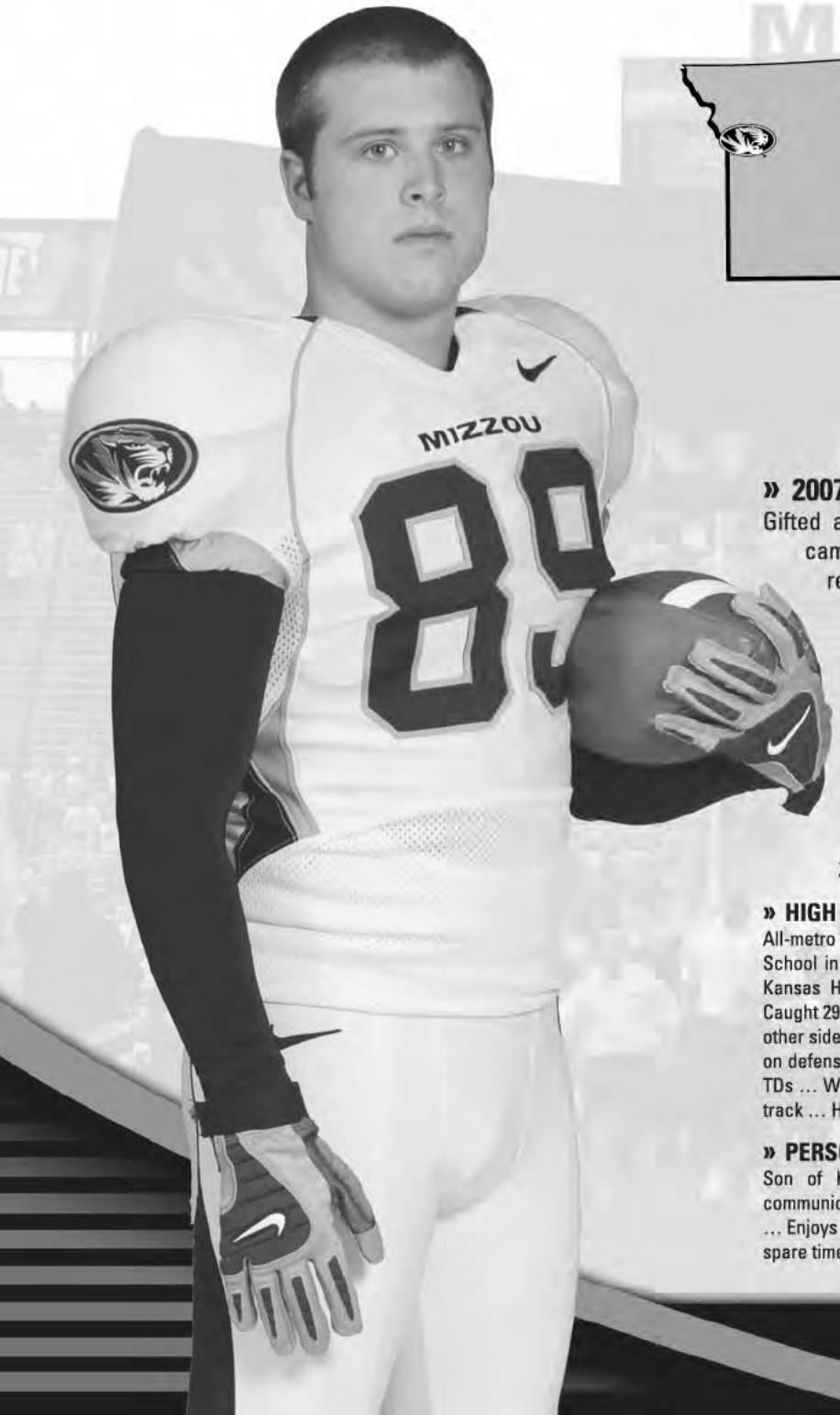
One of the most highly-coveted junior college players in the nation who hopes to make an immediate impact for the Tiger defensive line in 2007 ... Was a mid-semester transfer to Mizzou, after graduating from the College of the Sequoias, and has 3 years to play 2 at Mizzou ... Participated in spring drills, and after getting acclimated to the setting at Mizzou, heads into fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the nosetackle position.

» JUNIOR COLLEGE

Ranked by Rivals as the nation's No. 15 junior college prospect at any position ... Ranked by Super Prep as the nation's No. 3 JUCO defensive tackle prospect, and as the nation's No. 22 overall JUCO prospect (any position) for the 2007 class.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Joe & Angela Maples ... Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Texas Tech, Louisville, Mississippi and Washington State, among others ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Craig Kuligowski.



#89

BLAKE MAY

Wide Receiver
5-11 • 185 • So.-Sq.
Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Gifted and athletic walk-on receiver who enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the X-receiver position … Turned in many big plays during spring scrimmages, and he closed the spring period by catching 1 pass in the Black & Gold Game … Changed his jersey number to 89 during the spring, after wearing 26 a year ago for Mizzou.

» 2006 SEASON

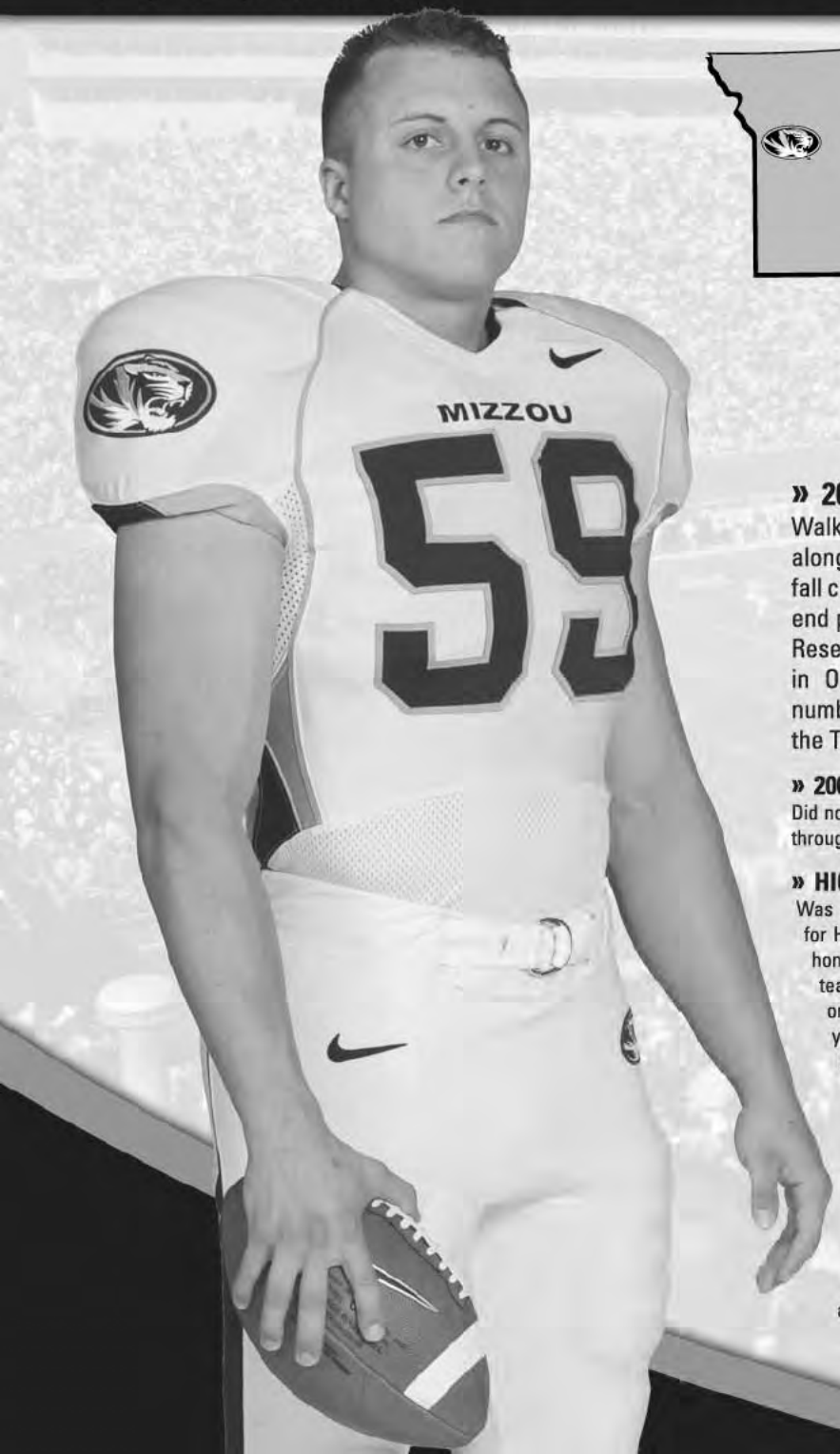
Did not see action, but showed good skills and pass-catching ability throughout the season, after entering fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the Z-receiver position.

» HIGH SCHOOL

All-metro wide receiver for traditional powerhouse Rockhurst High School in Kansas City … Was selected to play in the Missouri vs. Kansas High School All-Star Game following his prep career … Caught 29 passes and had 4 TDs as a senior for Rockhurst, and on the other side of the ball, added 5 interceptions and made 58 solo tackles on defense … Had 56 tackles as a junior and caught 13 passes for 2 TDs … Was a 3-year letter winner in football, and earned 4 letters in track … High school coach – Tony Severino.

» PERSONAL

Son of Kirk & Susie May … Academic interest lies in the communications field, and is currently taking pre-journalism classes … Enjoys spending time with friends and hanging out at the lake in his spare time … Chose Mizzou over Kansas State, among others.



#59

ZACH MILLIGAN

Defensive Lineman
6-1 • 220 • RSFr.
Hardin, Mo. (Hardin-Central HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Walk-on Missouri native who will look to add depth along the defensive line for the Tiger defense … Enters fall camp listed No. 4 on the depth chart at one defensive end position … Is a sergeant in the United States Army Reserves, and came to Mizzou after serving a term in Operation Iraqi Freedom … Changed his jersey number to 59 this spring, after wearing 65 a year ago for the Tigers.

» 2006 SEASON

Did not see game action, but gave valuable contributions in practice throughout the year in his first year with the program.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 3-sport standout in football, basketball and track and field for Hardin-Central … Won all-state, all-conference and all-district honors as a senior team captain offensive lineman … Also won the team's offensive MVP honors that year … Led his team in tackles on defense as a junior, and earned all-conference honors that year, in addition to being named the team's defensive MVP … Played on Hardin's team that reached the semifinals of the 1A state championships in 2000 … Was a two-time all-conference selection in basketball, also finished 7th in the Class 1A state championships for the 300-meter hurdles … High school coach – Gary O'Neil.

» PERSONAL

Son of Tom Milligan & Robin Littrell … Is studying in MU's School of Engineering, with his major concentrated on mechanical engineering … Lists hobbies outside of football as outdoor and wildlife sports and movies.

#1

WILLIAM MOORE

Free Safety
6-1 • 215 • Jr.-2L
Hayti, Mo. (Hayti HS)

AWARDS

» Spring 2005 Team Most Improved Safety

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Junior safety is arguably the best pure athlete on the team, and he's moving his talents to free safety, after playing primarily at strong safety ... Tops the depth chart at free safety and will be counted on for a secondary that lost both starters at safety ... 2nd among current Tigers for career passes broken up (10) ... Has 2 career INTs, both returned for TDs (62 yards vs. Iowa State in 2005 and 22 yards at Texas Tech in 2006) ... Off the field, a talented musician who has recorded some rap tracks and performed around the state with Mizzou men's basketball player Leo Lyons ... Changed his jersey number to 1, after wearing 21 last season.

» 2006 SEASON

Made big plays as a sophomore ... Had 51 tackles in 13 games and 4 starts at free safety ... Ended the year with 5 tackles in the Sun Bowl, broke up a career-high 3 passes, and ranked 2nd on the team overall ... No. 2 strong safety on the depth chart, but played both the free and strong safety ... Posted a career-high 10 stops (9 solo) at Texas Tech ... Has 2 career INTs, both returned for TDs ... Capped off spring camp returning an interception 45 yards for a TD during the Black & Gold Game.

» 2005 SEASON

Played in 9 games, made 2 starts and had 30 tackles at the free safety position ... Started in the Independence Bowl, and tied a career-best 6 tackles, despite breaking a bone in his right foot ... Had a career-best 6 tackles at Kansas ... Moved up to No. 2 free safety on the depth chart .

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season ... Played cornerback most of the year before switching to safety.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Rivals.com nationally ranked No. 64 receiver and No. 12 overall prospect in Missouri ... High school coach – Jerry Bethune.

» PERSONAL

Son of William Shaw & Marilyn Moore ... Studying adolescent psychology ... Chose MU over Oklahoma, Purdue, Mississippi, Arkansas and Illinois, among others.

» MOORE CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles						
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	FF-FR	PBU	QBH
2005	9-2	23-7	30	0-0	1-62	1-0	2	1
2006	13-4	33-18	51	1.5-6	1-22	0-1	8	0
Totals	**22-6**	**56-25**	**81**	**1.5-6**	**2-84**	**1-1**	**10**	**1**

» MOORE CAREER HIGHS

Tackles:	10, at Texas Tech, 2006
Solo Tackles:	9, at Texas Tech, 2006
Assisted Tackles:	3, 3 times
Passes Broken Up:	3, vs. Oregon State, 2006

#87

LUCAS NULL

Wide Receiver
6-0 • 185 • Sr.-Sq.
Crystal City, Mo. (St. Pius X HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Walk-on wideout who hopes to factor into the mix in MU's high-octane offense that uses a lot of receivers during the course of a game … Does a nice job in practice, and regularly stands out with his efforts … Enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the H-receiver spot, after catching 2 passes in the Black & Gold Game to close spring drills.

» 2006 SEASON

Saw action in 2 games on the year, playing against Murray State and Ohio … Caught 4 passes for 24 yards during the annual Black & Gold Game to conclude a strong spring practice period … Entered fall camp No. 3 on the depth chart at the X-receiver spot.

» 2005 OUTLOOK

Did not see action … Changed his jersey number to 87 after donning 10 the previous season.

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season .. Joined the team prior to fall camp as a walk-on.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 3-sport standout for St. Pius X High School, as he earned all-conference honors in football, basketball and baseball … Was a team captain as a senior and earned 1st-Team All-Conference mention as a tight end and kicker … Had 14 catches for 311 yards and 5 TDs, added 3 field goals and 23 extra points with his foot, in addition to grabbing 4 interceptions on defense … Was named the Wendy's High School Heisman winner for the state of Missouri after his senior year … Earned all-conference mention as a kicker his junior season … Booted 28 extra points that year, and also added 7 catches for 178 yards and 2 TDs … Was a National Honor Society student and a member of the student council for his school … High school coach – Rich Overberg.

» PERSONAL

Son of Chris & Linda Null … Majoring in political science.

#31

MICHAEL OLDROYD

Wide Receiver
5-10 • 170 • So.
Wildwood, Mo. (Eureka HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Walk-on wide receiver who hopes to earn playing time in the fall after posting a solid spring camp in 2007 … Former letter-winner for Mizzou track and field.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 2-sport star at Eureka High School, winning All-Conference honors as a wide receiver and All-State acclaim in track and field … Broke the school record for most receiving yards in a game, with 190 in his junior season … His team reached the state title game in 2002 in Class 4, before losing to Kearney … Earned All-State recognition in track in the 800-meters and in the 4 x 800 relay as a senior, and also as a sophomore in the 4 x 400 relay … High school coach – Farrell Shelton.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Mark & Angie Oldroyd … Plans to major in marketing, and lists hobbies as making people laugh and entertaining people.

Aaron O'Neal
FOREVER A TIGER
April 1, 1986 - July 12, 2005

A.O. #25

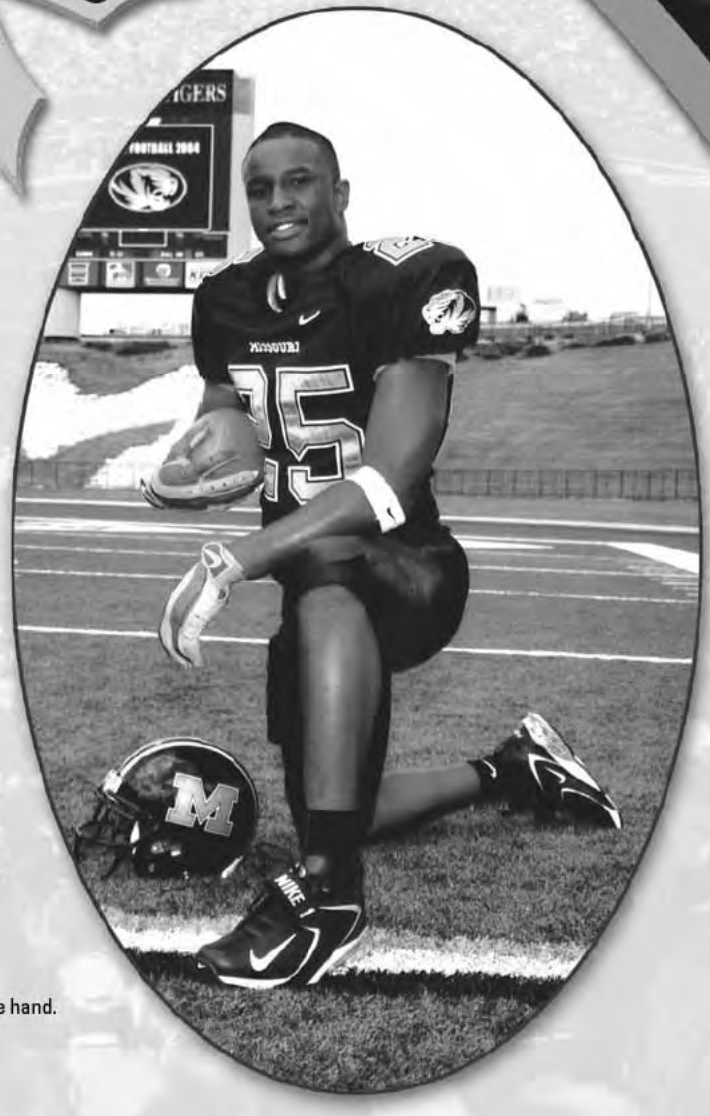
As a football player for the University of Missouri, St. Louis, Mo., native Aaron A. O'Neal was living his dream. Aaron's dream died tragically on the afternoon of July 12, 2005, when he passed away following a voluntary workout with his teammates. While the pain of Aaron's loss will dwell indefinitely, his memory and spirit will live on forever at Mizzou. Aaron's engaging smile, his selfless nature and his warm friendship will never be forgotten, and his teammates have dedicated the 2007 season to his memory, as the Tigers did in 2005 and 2006.

Aaron was a redshirt freshman linebacker heading into the 2005 season, with much promise to his future. He redshirted in 2004 after coming to Mizzou from Parkway North High School in St. Louis, Mo., where he was a four-sport standout student-athlete. He earned Class 5 all-state honors as a running back as a senior, when he rushed for 1,562 yards and 19 touchdowns. He also earned all-metro, all-conference and all-district honors, as well as his team's offensive MVP honor as a junior, when he ran for 1,207 yards and 14 TDs. Aaron had 800 yards and 9 rushing TDs in just four games as a sophomore, including a school-record 254-yard outing against Webster Groves, and he left his school owning virtually all of Parkway North's career rushing and scoring records. An outstanding all-around athlete, Aaron also excelled in basketball, track and baseball at Parkway North, and was part of the team which finished 4th in the 2003 state baseball championships. His high school football coach was Bob Bunton. He was the son of Lonnie and Deborah O'Neal.

So He Took You By The Hand

I still hate waking up, getting the bad news
that day
They say there's one life that we're living and time
is slowly beating away.
Who would've ever thought you would be gone so fast
And just think yesterday us hanging out is now a thing
of the past.
Brotha, my Brotha, how I miss you so bad here today
For you never really understand one's importance until
they are gone away.
Man, I'm sorry for if I could, I'd make this all just a bad
dream and you'd soon awake
For my selfish self is so used to seeing you, your absence
is so hard to take.
I'm dying inside because now there's really no way to
show you how much I really care
No way to let you know that in me there was a true
friend and I was always there.
Though God always knows best no matter what the
circumstances may be
I just wish he hadn't taken you from your family, as
well as others and me.
I prayed for you and your family, asking God to take
away the pain
But when the sunshine (you) is gone, the only thing
left is the rain.
So my Brotha, go enjoy sweet rest with the one who
holds tomorrow
For soon the mourning will be over and we will smile
instead of feel sorrow.
For your life is irreplaceable and I still see an awesome vision
of your face
All the happiness and memories of you will forever fill this
place. (Mizzou)
I just pray that soon we can all somehow understand
That God needed an angel in Heaven, so he took you by the hand.

Dedrick Harrington #33



#14

CHASE PATTON

Quarterback
6-5 • 220 • Jr.-Sq.
Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge HS)

AWARDS

» Spring 2007 Team Most Improved Offensive Back
» 2006-07 Varsity M Student-Athlete of the Year

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Elite level local product who is expected to step into a bigger role in his junior year ... Had an outstanding spring practice period where he separated himself as the clear No. 2 on the depth chart at signal caller behind returning starter Chase Daniel ... Enters fall camp with the backup job after closing the spring session by throwing for 192 yards and 2 TDs in the Black & Gold Spring Game (15-of-24 passing) ... Earned the team's most improved offensive back award for his outstanding play during spring ball ... Also is an accomplished student who won the Varsity M 2006-07 student-athlete of the year award during the spring.

» 2006 SEASON

Served as a reserve for the season ... Was the No. 3 quarterback all season, and saw action in 1 game on the year, getting some snaps in game #2 against Ole Miss.

» 2005 OUTLOOK

Did not see game action during the season ... Made strides during his first spring practice period, and entered fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart ... Had strong practices in December while the Tigers prepared for the Independence Bowl ... Changed his jersey number to 14 from 4 just after spring practice started.

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season ... Showed his considerable skills during fall camp and throughout the season, working on the scout team.

» HIGH SCHOOL

One of the most highly-coveted quarterback prospects in the nation who chose to play for his hometown school ... A record-setting passer who ranked as the No. 4 quarterback and the No. 69 overall prospect at any position nationally by Rivals.com ... Named an all-American by both EA Sports and PrepStar as a senior when he completed 176-of-276 passes for 2,630 yards and 30 touchdowns and an 8-2 record ... Named the Gatorade Missouri Player of the Year in 2003 ... Threw for a career-best 367 yards against Springfield Kickapoo in 2003, and set another school record with 6 TD passes against Hannibal ... Threw for a school-record 2,670 yards as a junior with 23 TDs, as he led Rock Bridge (8-4 overall) to the semi-finals of the state championships ... Named team's newcomer of the year as a sophomore when he led the Bruins to a 6-4 record and a conference championship ... Holds Rock Bridge career passing records for yards (6,251), completions (431) and touchdowns (58) ... Also holds school game and single-season records in all three categories ... Also lettered in baseball and basketball at Rock Bridge, and earned 1st-team all-district honors playing first base for the baseball team in 2003 ... High school coach – A.J. Ofodile, a former MU football standout ... Was also coached for 2 years by current Tiger staffer Barry Odom.

» PERSONAL

Son of Robert & Joyce Patton ... Majoring in pre-medicine ... Chose MU over Tennessee, UCLA, Kansas State, Iowa and Virginia.

#8

JARED PERRY

Wide Receiver
6-1 • 170 • So.-1L
La Marque, Texas (La Marque HS)

AWARDS

» 2006 Hon. Men. Freshman All-American (The Sporting News)
» 2006 Big 12 All-Freshman Team (The Sporting News)
» 2006 Team Freshman of the Year

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Mizzou's reigning freshman of the year who made a huge impact on the Tiger offense a year ago, when he won honorable-mention All-American honors by The Sporting News, as well as Big 12 all-freshman team mention … Opens fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at the X-receiver position behind senior standout Will Franklin … Despite his wiry stature, he has displayed toughness and an ability to take a hit … Has breakaway speed, and is one of MU's top deep threats … Also showed a year ago that he can catch and run effectively in traffic, as he became a constant weapon with short screen passes over the middle.

» 2006 SEASON

True freshman and Mizzou's freshman of the year who significantly impacted the Tiger offense … Named an honorable mention freshman All-American and to the Big 12's All-Freshman team by The Sporting News after leading all Big 12 freshmen with 37 catches for 429 yards and 3 TDs … Stepped into star wideout Franklin's role as starter at the X-receiver position … Caught 9 passes for 140 yards and 1 TD in the last 2 regular season games, including a career-high 6 catches at Iowa State (59 yards), and 3 catches for a career-best 81 yards and 1 TD in the regular-season finale against Kansas … Reported to summer workouts weighing 148 pounds, but worked to put on enough weight to merit consideration for playing time, and an outstanding fall camp made it impossible for Tiger coaches to keep him off the field in 2006 … Had a then-career high with 5 catches (for 40 yards) against Oklahoma … Recorded multiple grabs in all but 2 games on the season … Had 4 catches for 48 yards at Texas A&M … Added his 2nd score of the season on a middle screen vs. Colorado in MU's Big 12 opener (9 yards) … Carried the ball 7 times this season, going for 55 yards, with a long of 18 (at Iowa State).

» HIGH SCHOOL

Wideout team captain and offensive player of the year as a senior … Was a 1st-Team all-district performer as a junior.

» PERSONAL

Son of David & Debra Bourgeios … Chose Mizzou over schools such as Colorado, Kansas, Utah, Houston and TCU, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Craig Kuligowski.

» PERRY CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rushes	Yds.	Long
2006	13-2	37	429	11.6	3	74	7	55	18
Totals	**13-2**	**37**	**429**	**11.6**	**3**	**74**	**7**	**55**	**18**

» PERRY CAREER HIGHS

Receptions:	6, at Iowa State, 2006
Receiving Yards:	81, vs. Kansas, 2006
Receiving TDs:	1, 3 Times
Longest Reception:	74, vs. Kansas, 2006
Rushes:	3, vs. Oregon State, 2006
Rushing Yards:	18, at Iowa State, 2006
Longest Rush:	18, at Iowa State, 2006

#4

JASON RAY

Wide Receiver
6-1 • 215 • Sr.-2L
Porter, Okla. (Broken Arrow HS)

AWARDS

» 2007 May Graduate
» 2004 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Senior wideout who looks to expand his role in Mizzou's receiver-heavy spread offensive attack … Opens fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at the Z-receiver position after a solid spring session that saw him catch 3 passes for 45 yards and 1 TD (25 yards from QB Chase Patton) in the Black & Gold Game … A sure-handed receiver who possesses solid speed, concentration and route-running abilities … A solid contributor on various special teams units in the past in addition to receiving duties … An outstanding student who has spent a lot of time volunteering with Mizzou Sports Properties and the MU Athletic Marketing Office to learn the business of sports marketing … Earned his undergraduate degree in marketing in May 2007, and will play his final season for MU as a graduate student.

» 2006 SEASON

Had 6 catches on the season for 50 yards, and a valuable contributor on special teams … Played on several different special teams units, and notched 5 tackles on kickoff coverage unit … Opened the season by catching 1 pass against Murray State that went for a career-long 23 yards … Had a career-best 2 catches at New Mexico in game #3 for 14 yards … Spent most of the season listed No. 2 on the depth at the Z-receiver position … Caught 2 passes for 21 yards in the annual Black & Gold Game.

» 2005 OUTLOOK

Suffered a season-ending broken collarbone prior to game #2 … Changed his jersey number to 4 during the spring, after wearing 14 previously.

» 2004 SEASON

Saw action in all 11 games on the season as a redshirt freshman, and had 2 receptions for 17 yards … Had single grabs in games against Arkansas State and at Texas … Ended spring ball with a 3-catch, 16-yard day in the annual Black and Gold Game.

» 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season … Earned scout team MVP honors for his work in practice leading up to MU's historic win over Nebraska, and again earned the same honor against Kansas State

» HIGH SCHOOL

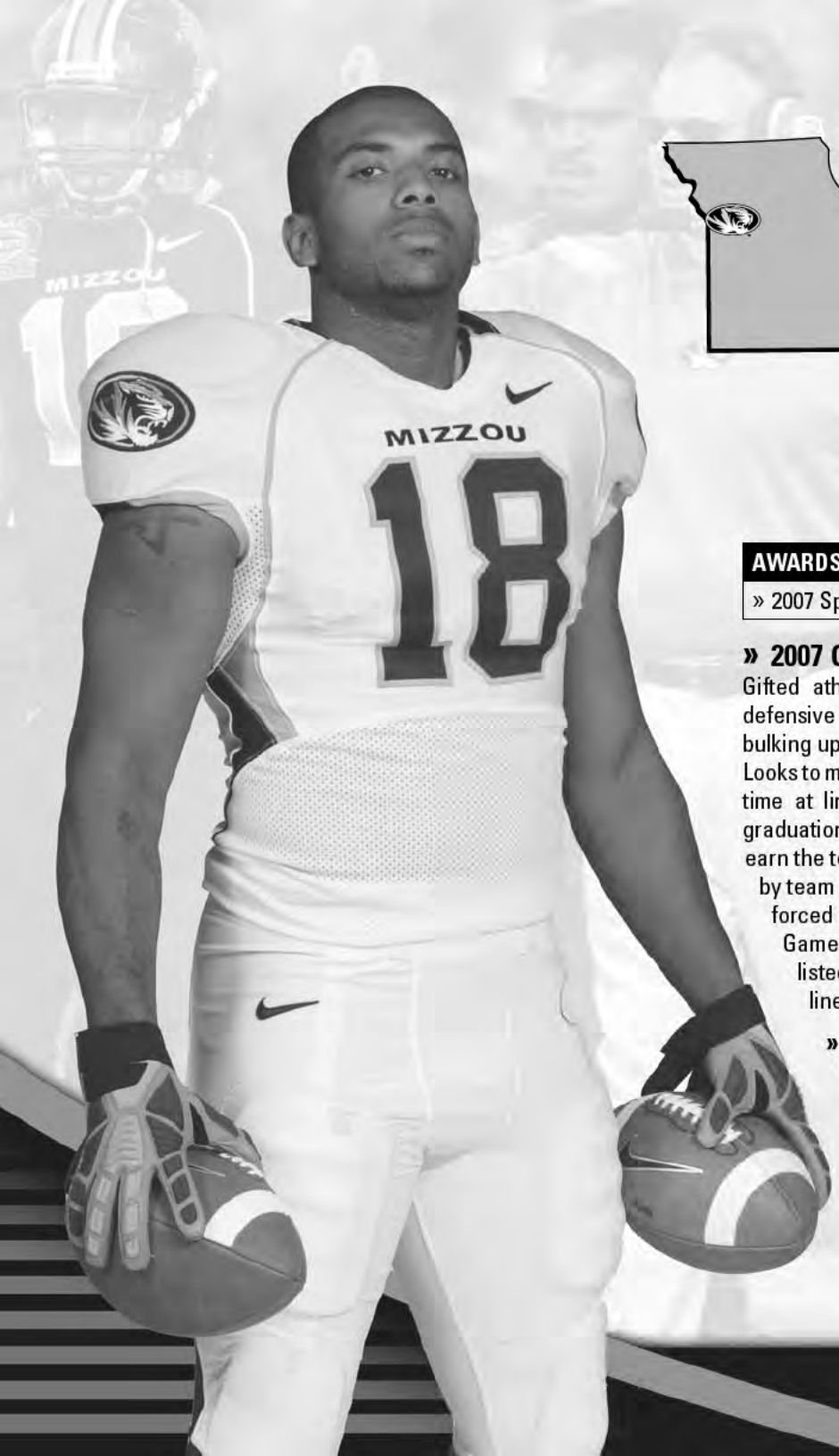
SuperPrep Magazine ranked No. 28 overall prospect in the Midland region and No. 33 receiver nationally … Rivals.com ranked No. 10 prospect (all positions) in Oklahoma No. 50 wide receiver nationally … Named all-state by coaches and media after helping lead team to the Oklahoma Class 6A title game … High school coach – Rick Jones.

» PERSONAL

Son of Gary & Gayla Ray … Is majoring in marketing … An outstanding student who attracted attention from Ivy League schools for his academics … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Minnesota, West Virginia, SMU and Kansas, among others.

» RAY CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	11-0	2	17	8.5	0	14
2005	1-0	1	7	7.0	0	7
2006	13-0	6	50	8.3	0	23
Totals	**25-0**	**9**	**74**	**8.2**	**0**	**23**



#18

STEVE REDMOND

Linebacker
6-0 • 235 • Jr.-1L
Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst HS)

AWARDS

» 2007 Spring Team Most Improved Linebacker

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Gifted athlete who came to Mizzou originally as a defensive back prospect, but moved to linebacker after bulking up to his current listed weight of 235 pounds … Looks to make the most of his opportunity to earn playing time at linebacker, where MU lost 2-of-3 starters to graduation … Played well enough during spring ball to earn the team's most improved linebacker award, given by team coaches … Led the team with 9 tackles and 1 forced fumble during the annual Black & Gold Spring Game to close out spring drills … Enters fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at the strongside linebacker position.

» 2006 SEASON

Was listed No. 2 on the depth chart at the strongside linebacker position for most of the year, and saw action in all 13 games in reserve duty and on special teams … Recorded 6 tackles on the season, including a career-best 4 tackles against Kansas State … Also forced his 1st career fumble against the Wildcats … Had a half-tackle against Colorado that went for a loss of 10 yards … Broke up a pass in the season opener against Murray State.

» 2005 SEASON

Saw action in 6 games as a redshirt freshman, including 4 of MU's last 5 games … Recorded 1 tackle against #2-ranked Texas … Played against Troy, Texas, Nebraska, Colorado, Baylor and Kansas State.

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Spent the year on the scout team as a defensive back, while getting bigger and stronger in the Tiger strength program.

» HIGH SCHOOL

A fast and physical defensive back who ranked as the No. 29 overall prospect at any position in the midland region, according to SuperPrep Magazine … Same publication ranked him as the nation's No. 24 defensive back talent … 3-sport letter winner who also excelled in track and basketball at Rockhurst … High school coach – Tony Severino.

» PERSONAL

Son of Steve & Linda Redmond … Is a cousin to fellow 2004 Mizzou signee and Rockhurst teammate Tony Temple … Chose MU over Kansas State, Kansas, Michigan State, Nebraska and Iowa, among others … Currently majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

» REDMOND CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFLs	FF	PBU
2005	6-0	0-1	1	0	0	0
2006	13-0	3-3	6	0.5-10	1	1
Totals	**19-0**	**3-4**	**7**	**0.5-10**	**1**	**1**

#65

MIKE PRINCE

Offensive Lineman
6-4 • 295 • RS-Fr.
Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Talented young prospect who hopes to provide help on the offensive line in 2007 after taking a redshirt a year ago in his first year in the program … Enters fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at right tackle.

» 2006 SEASON

Redshirted in his first season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 2-year starter on an offensive line that paved the way for one of the more impressive runs in national high school history … Played on Southlake Carroll teams that went 47-1 in 3 years, including consecutive 16-0 seasons in 2004 and 2005 … Ranked as the No. 33 offensive tackle prospect in the nation, according to Scout.com … Was a starter for his last 2 years, with Carroll going 32-0 in games in which he started … Both years saw the Dragons win the Texas 5A state championship, and end the year as the mythical national champions in various polls … Earned 1st-Team all-state honors (by the Texas Sportswriters' Association, as well as Scout.com) as a senior, and added 1st-Team designation on the all-district squad as well, and was his team's co-captain in 2005 … Was an all-district performer in 2004 … Was a teammate of Chase Daniel, now Mizzou's starting quarterback … Was also a letterwinner in wrestling and track, where he threw the shot put … High school coach – Todd Dodge.

» PERSONAL

Son of Bill & Jeannine Prince … Plans to major in international studies … Chose Mizzou over Iowa State, Utah, Texas El-Paso and Colorado State, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Steckel.

#28

HARDY RICKS

Defensive Back
6-0 • 190 • So.-1L
St. Louis, Mo. (Brentwood HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

An outstanding athlete and a hard hitter who became a starter for much of the 2006 season at one cornerback position a year ago … Filled in his opportunities well, and hopes to use his experience gained to further establish himself as a top-line corner in the Big 12 Conference … Enters fall camp listed No. 1 on the depth chart at one cornerback spot … Has added 15 pounds to his frame thanks to the strength program.

» 2006 SEASON

Redshirt freshman cornerback who began the season as an understudy to Domonique Johnson, but took over the starting role when Johnson missed much of the season with a knee injury … Started 8 times from games #4 through #11, and played admirably, despite his youth and inexperience at the collegiate level … Collected 40 tackles in the first 11 games, including a career-high 8 stops at Texas A&M … Also notched 6 stops against Oklahoma, and added 4 tackles each in outings against Nebraska, Iowa State and Murray State … Had a half-tackle for loss in consecutive games against Ole Miss and New Mexico early in the season, and had 3 tackles and 1 pass broken up at Texas Tech … Had a strong spring camp, which he closed out with a 4-tackle performance in the Black & Gold Game … Has added 15 pounds to his frame thanks to the strength program.

» 2005 SEASON

Redshirt season … Worked hard as part of the defensive scout team, and occasionally was asked to serve as a running back on the offensive scout team, as well.

» HIGH SCHOOL

A standout 2-way player for Brentwood High School who made his mark mostly as a hard-hitting, playmaking defensive back … Rivals.com rated him the No. 58 cornerback nationally and No. 12 overall prospect in Missouri … In his last 3 years, had 3,633 yards of total offense and 27 offensive TDs, while adding 395 tackles, 5 defensive TDs and 15 interceptions on the defensive side of the ball … Has the size, speed and quickness to play several different spots in the defensive backfield … Ranked as the No. 12 overall prospect in the state of Missouri and the No. 58 defensive back in the nation by Rivals.com … 1st-Team all-state selection as a defensive back in 2004, while earning the same honor at running back as a junior … Had 142 tackles as a senior and grabbed 4 interceptions and scored 2 defensive TDs … On offense, amassed 1,312 total yards and scored 12 TDs … High school coach – Roy Hughes.

» PERSONAL

Son of Hardy Ricks Jr. & Dorothy Wise … Served as vice president of his class at Brentwood High School … Drew interest from programs such as Kansas State, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa State and Illinois, before choosing to be a Tiger … Plans to focus his studies in the area of finance, accounting or banking … Mizzou's new School of Business played a major factor in his choosing to be a Tiger.

» RICKS CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				
	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Tot.	TFL-Yds	PBU
2006	12-8	32	8	40	1-1	1
Totals	**12-8**	**32**	**8**	**40**	**1-1**	**1**

» RICKS CAREER HIGHS

Tackles:	8, at Texas A&M, 2006
Solo Tackles:	8, at Texas A&M, 2006
Assisted Tackles:	2, 2 times
Tackles For Loss:	0.5, 2 times
Passes Broken Up:	1, at Texas Tech, 2006

#82

MARTIN RUCKER

Tight End
6-6 • 255 • Sr.-3L
St. Joseph, Mo. (Benton HS)

AWARDS

- » 2006 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » 2006 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Kansas City Star)
- » 2006 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Associated Press)
- » 2006 John Mackey National Tight End of the Week (Oct. 5)
- » 2006 Team Metro Kansas City Player of the Year
- » 2005 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Kansas City Star)
- » 2005 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (A.P., Coaches)
- » 2005 John Mackey Tight End of the Week (Nov. 23)
- » 2005 Team Receiver of the Year
- » 2004 2nd-Team Freshman All-American (College Football News, Rivals.com)
- » 2004 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (The Sporting News)
- » 2004 Team Freshman of the Year

» 2007 OUTLOOK

One of the premier tight ends in the country who combines with teammate Chase Coffman for arguably the nation's top TE combination ... Showcases athleticism, size, hands, speed and excellent blocking ... Contender for All-American honors and the annual John Mackey Award ... The most prolific pass-catching TE in MU history, with his 119 career receptions and 1,341 career receiving yards.

» 2006 SEASON

Finished 2nd among all Big 12 TEs in receptions (53), TDs (5) and yards (511) ... Named the National Tight End of the Week by the Mackey Committee ... 4th TE in MU history to reach the 1,000 yardage milestone.

» 2005 SEASON

Led the Tigers with 47 receptions for 567 yards and a team-best 12.1 yards per reception ... Receptions tied for first among TEs in the Big 12 Conference, 2nd in yardage ... Team's receiver of the year award.

» 2004 SEASON

Named a 2nd-Team Freshman All-American, 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12, team's freshman MVP.

» 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season ... Earned scout team MVP honors.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Rivals.com No. 28 tight end nationally ... High school coach – Pat Byrne.

» PERSONAL

Son of Martin & LaVell Rucker ... Majoring in hotel and restaurant management ... Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Colorado State and Kansas, among others.

» RUCKER CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	11-11	19	263	13.8	4	28
2005	12-12	47	567	12.1	1	48
2006	13-13	53	511	9.6	5	47
Totals	**36-36**	**119**	**1341**	**11.3**	**10**	**48**

#20

ERIK RUDIN

Defensive Back
5-8 • 170 • So.-Sq.
St. Louis, Mo. (Parkway Central HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Walk-on Missouri native who will look to add depth at the cornerback position for the Tigers.

» 2006 SEASON

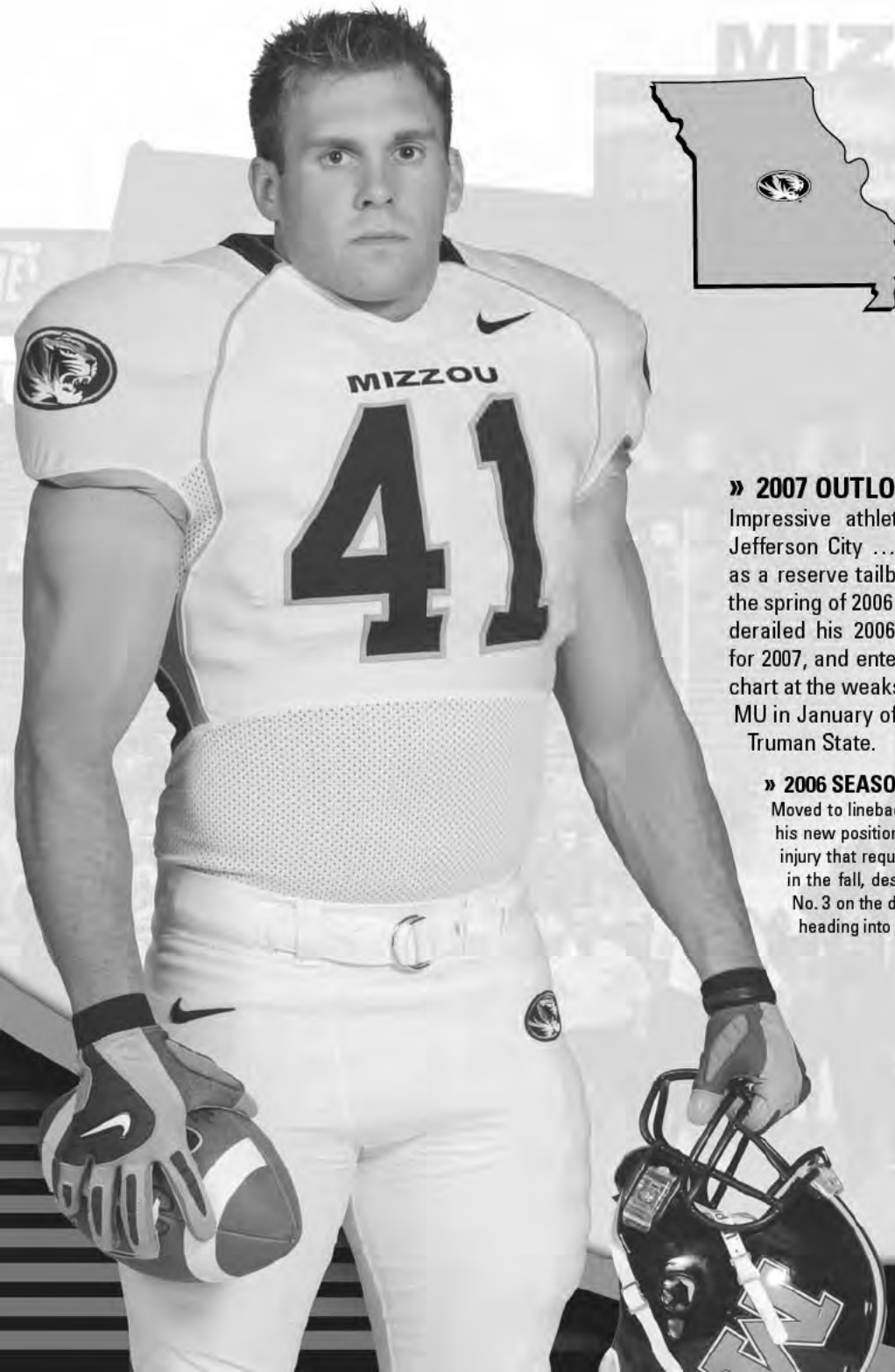
Joined the team as a walk-on and helped on a daily basis as a scout-team cornerback.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Three-year letter winner at Parkway Central High School in football, and also participated on the track squad ... Won a scholar athlete award from his school for his work in the classroom and on the field ... High school coach – Bob Trowbridge and Mark Goldenberg.

» PERSONAL

Son of Kerry Rudin & Melodee Hinkle ... Both of his parents, as well as his older sister Jennifer, attended Mizzou ... Intends to pursue a degree in MU's School of Business, with his interest in accounting, finance and banking.



#41

JOHN RUTH

Linebacker
5-10 • 225 • Sr.-Sq.
Jefferson City, Mo. (Jefferson City HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Impressive athlete who is a walk-on from nearby Jefferson City … Spent his first year in the program as a reserve tailback, and moved to linebacker during the spring of 2006 … A knee injury suffered in fall camp derailed his 2006 season, but he's back and healthy for 2007, and enters fall camp listed No. 4 on the depth chart at the weakside linebacker position … Enrolled at MU in January of 2005 after spending one semester at Truman State.

» 2006 SEASON

Moved to linebacker during the spring … Was looking good at his new position early in spring camp before suffering a knee injury that required surgery … Was able to return to practice in the fall, despite not being 100 percent, and was listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at the weakside linebacker position heading into August drills.

» 2005 SEASON

Sat out the season due to NCAA transfer rules … Spent the year working hard in the weight room and as part of the offensive scout team … Had 2 carries for 10 yards in the 2005 spring game, and showed good skills both as a runner and as a blocking back during the spring practice period.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 3-sport letterman for Jefferson City High School, competing in football, baseball and track and field for the Jays … Lettered 3 years in football and earned all-district honors as a senior team captain … High school coach – Tony Grosso.

» PERSONAL

Son of John & Michelle Ruth … Majoring in marketing.

#20

KEVIN RUTLAND

Defensive Back
6-0 • 185 • RS-Fr.
Houston, Texas (North Shore HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Solid athlete who possesses the size and skills to be a potential impact player in the Tiger secondary … Is one of the fastest Tigers on the team, and after playing safety during the spring, he will move back to cornerback after playing there a year ago in his first season in the program … Ended spring camp by making 2 tackles and breaking up 1 pass in the annual Black & Gold Game … Enters fall camp listed at No. 4 on the depth chart at one cornerback position … Changed his jersey number to 20 in the spring after wearing 16 a year ago for the Tigers.

» 2006 SEASON

Redshirted in his first season in the program, worked as part of the practice squad.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Played numerous positions as a senior at Houston's North Shore High School, including DB, WR and QB, and helped his team to an undefeated regular season and an appearance in the state playoffs … Ranked as the No. 51 cornerback prospect in the nation, according to Rivals, and earned 2nd-Team All-District honors as a senior in 2005 … Played QB as a junior, and was his team's MVP, as he ran for 6 TDs and threw for 3 scores … Also lettered in basketball and track, and was part of a district champion 4 x 200 relay team … High school coach – David Aymond.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Kenneth & Helen Rutland … Chose Mizzou over Colorado, Kansas State, Texas-El Paso, Oklahoma State and Northwestern, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Brian Jones.

#84

TOMMY SAUNDERS

Wide Receiver
6-0 • 210 • Jr.-2L
Kearney, Mo. (Kearney HS)

AWARDS

» Spring 2006 Team Most Improved Wide Receiver

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Highly-accomplished athlete who started as a walk-on wideout and will open fall camp No. 1 on the depth chart at the Z-receiver position, where he started every game a year ago … An outstanding athlete who will potentially factor into the punt return game, after leading the Tigers in that area a year ago … 3-on-3 team won the football program's 2nd annual hoops tournament last spring.

» 2006 SEASON

Started all 13 games at the Z-receiver spot with 25 catches for 271 yards and 2 TDs, with 7 receptions for 72 yards against Iowa State, 3 catches against Kansas for 42 yards and caught 2 passes for 40 yards and 1 TD in the Sun Bowl ... Season's top punt returner with 11 punt returns, averaging 10.7 yards per attempt.

» 2005 SEASON

Played in all 12 games, made 3 starts at the Z-receiver spot and caught 12 balls for 99 yards … Best output against NU with 2 catches for 23 yards and a TD … Moved up to No. 2 H-receiver on the depth chart.

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Joined the team as a walk-on, and was a member of the offensive scout team.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Outstanding 1st-Team All-State wide receiver and defensive back … High school coach – Mark Thomas.

» PERSONAL

Son of Thomas & Lisa Saunders.

» SAUNDERS CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2005	12-3	12	99	8.2	1	16
2006	13-13	25	271	10.8	2	29
Totals	**25-16**	**37**	**370**	**10.0**	**3**	**29**

	Kickoff Returns				Punt Returns			
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
2005	4	71	17.8	22	0	0	0.0	0
2006	0	0	0.0	0	11	118	10.7	41
Totals	**4**	**71**	**17.8**	**22**	**11**	**118**	**10.7**	**41**

» SAUNDERS CAREER HIGHS

Receptions:	7, at Iowa State, 2006
Receiving Yards:	72, at Iowa State, 2006
Receiving TDs:	1, 3 times
Longest Reception:	29, vs. Oregon State, 2006
Longest Rush:	6, vs. Texas, 2006
Longest Punt Return:	41, vs. Colorado, 2006
Longest Kickoff Return:	22, vs. Texas, 2005

#63

RYAN SCHLEUSNER

Offensive Lineman
6-3 • 250 • RS-Fr.
Maryville, Mo. (Maryville HS/Benedictine College)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Walk-on offensive lineman who hopes to earn some playing time at right guard, where he enters fall camp No. 3 on the depth chart after participating in spring drills … Came to Mizzou after attending Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan. for the 2005-06 academic year.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 3-sport letterwinner at Maryville High School, earning letters in football, track and wrestling … Football team reached the semifinals of the Class 3 state championships during the 2004 season … Was a 2nd-Team All-Conference performer at defensive end and an honorable-mention All-Conference performer on the offensive line as a senior … Had 51 tackles as a senior, including 5 QB sacks, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery … Added 20 tackles as a junior for Maryville High School … Qualified for the state championships in wrestling as a senior … High school coach – Paul Miller & Larry Wilcox.

» PERSONAL

Parents – James & Lori Schleusner … Plans to major in hotel and restaurant management, and follow in the footsteps of his mother, who is a general manager of a Holiday Inn property.

#64

JOE SCHUMACHER

Defensive Lineman
5-11 • 255 • So.-Sq.
Columbia, Mo. (Hickman HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Walk-on Columbia native who was an accomplished linebacker at local Hickman High School, where he helped lead his team to a state title in 2004 … Moved to the defensive line after spring ball, and he enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the tackle position … Enters the 2007 season healthy after missing the 2006 season due to a knee injury.

» 2006 SEASON

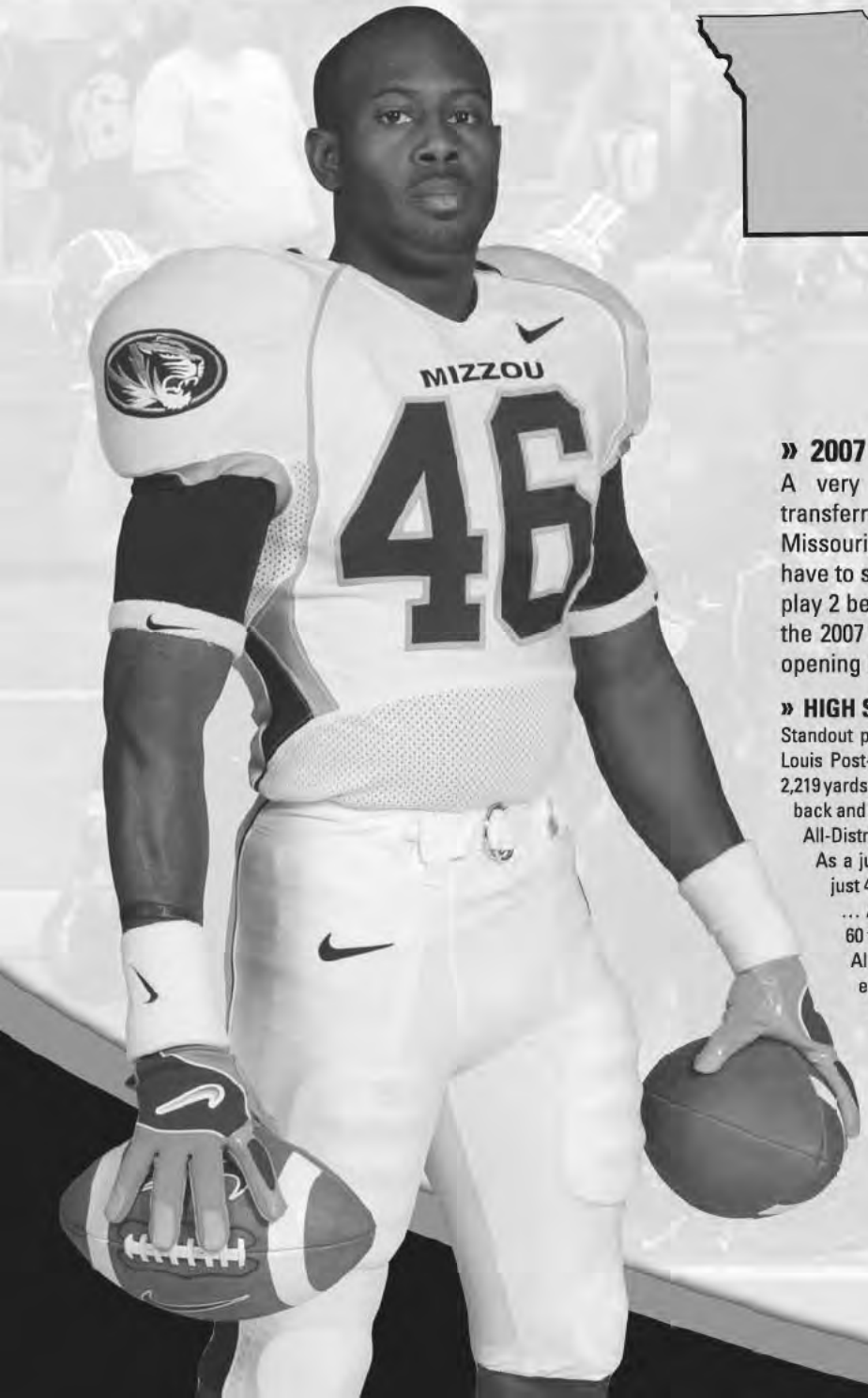
Joined the team as a walk-on linebacker, but was forced to sit out the year while in rehab from a knee injury he suffered early in fall camp … Returned to practice in a limited fashion before the end of the year.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a standout linebacker for hometown Hickman High School in Columbia, helping lead the Kewpies to the 2004 Class 6 state championship, with a 34-7 defeat over Hazelwood East in the title game, to cap an 11-1 season … Served as a team captain as a senior, and he registered 94 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, and 6 QB sacks on the year … Was honored on various all-state, all-district and all-area teams that season … Made 6 tackles, including 1 QB sack in the '04 championship game … Had 65 tackles, including 17 TFLs and 5 QB sacks as a junior … High school coach – Greg Nesbitt.

» PERSONAL

Son of Edward & Mary Kay Schumacher … Plans to study in MU's School of Business with a planned major in marketing, and a planned minor in computer science … Lists hobbies as playing video games, poker, music and fishing … Is a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity … Was entered in a crawling contest at the local mall as a baby, and won the race — is told that his older brother was the catalyst for the victory, as he stood at the finish line waving a bottle in the air as an incentive.



#46

SHAWN SCOTT

Tailback
5-8 • 170 • So.
St. Louis, Mo. (Parkway Central HS/Central Missouri State)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

A very accomplished high school tailback who transferred to Mizzou after spending one year at Central Missouri State … Due to NCAA transfer rules, he will have to sit out the 2007 season, but he'll have 2 years to play 2 beginning in 2008 … Was very impressive during the 2007 spring practice period, as he had several eye opening runs during practices and scrimmages.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Standout prep tailback at Parkway Central who was named the St. Louis Post-Dispatch's Offensive Player of the Year after rushing for 2,219 yards and 30 TDs (7.8 avg.) as a senior … Also started at defensive back and had 3 interceptions on the year … Won 1st-Team All-State, All-District and All-Metro honors for his play that year as well … As a junior, ran for 680 yards and grabbed 3 INTs on defense in just 4 games before his season ended with a broken collar bone … Averaged 12.5 yards per carry as a sophomore and added 60 tackles on defense … Was a 1st-Team All-Conference and All-District performer in track in the long jump and triple jump events, and broke the school record in the long jump with a leap of 22-5 … High school coach – Mark Goldenberg.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Brian & Sharon Owens & Lenard Scott … Grandfather, Fred Jennings, is a member of the Mississippi High School Football Hall of Fame … Plans to study in Mizzou's School of Journalism, with a goal of working in sports media as a broadcaster someday.

#88

FORREST SHOCK

Wide Receiver
6-1 • 200 • RS-Fr.
Osage Beach, Mo. (Camdenton R-III HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Sure-handed receiver who showed during 2007 spring camp that he can contribute when the opportunity presents itself … Listed No. 4 on the depth chart at the Z-receiver position entering fall camp.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport standout at Camdenton R-III High School, where he helped lead his team to the 2005 Class 4 state championship … Caught 2 TD passes in the title game (6 & 47 yards apiece) as Camdenton beat Affton, 36-19 for the title … Had 6 catches in all on the day for a game-high 102 yards, and added 7.5 tackles on the defensive side … Was an All-State selection linebacker as a senior, and was his team's most valuable player that year as well … Won All-State honors junior year as a linebacker, and was an All-Conference pick in basketball … Also lettered in track and basketball, and won numerous district and conference championships in the 110-meter hurdles – earned All-State status in that event as a sophomore … High school coach – Bob Shore.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Frank & Barbara Shock … Is interested in studying finance and banking in Mizzou's School of Business, and follow in the footsteps of his father, who is a branch manager for a bank at the Lake of the Ozarks … Chose Mizzou over Mississippi, Michigan State and Mississippi State.

#6

PAUL SIMPSON

Defensive Back
6-2 • 190 • Sr.-1L
Oakland, Calif. (San Leandro HS/Chabot CC)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Senior cornerback who looks to provide leadership, depth and big-play ability to the Tiger secondary, where he played in all 13 games a year ago … Has good size, speed and athletic ability, and he enters fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth at one cornerback position … Could also factor in several special teams units, as he saw significant action there a year ago.

» 2006 SEASON

Junior college defensive back who provided nice contributions on special teams coverage units, primarily the kickoff coverage team, where he registered 7 tackles and ranked among the best on the team … Had 2 kickoff tackles against Kansas in the regular season finale, which were big stops after KU had turned in a couple of big returns early in the game … Saw action in all 13 games, playing mostly on special teams … Had 13 tackles in all on the season with a half-tackle for loss coming against Oklahoma, in a game where he had 2 tackles total on the day … Had a season-best 3 tackles the week prior at Texas A&M … 10 of his 13 tackles on the year came in the final 7 games of the season … Graduated from Chabot C.C. in December of 2005, and was able to participate in 2006 spring drills … Was listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at the free safety position entering fall camp, after he got his feet wet during spring ball.

» JUNIOR COLLEGE

Earned All-Conference honors at Chabot CC in 2005, as he amassed 60 tackles, broke up 7 passes and grabbed 1 interception … Gladiators were the Golden Gate Conference champions in 2005 … Caught a TD pass against Merced that helped give team a 21-9 victory early in the season … Junior college coach – Danny Calcagno.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a two-year letterman in both football and basketball at San Leandro High School.

» PERSONAL

Born in Montego Bay, Jamaica, where he lived until he was 7 years old … Mother – Pauline Simpson … Interested in studying business management … Chose Mizzou over Oregon State, Fresno State, Colorado State, New Mexico, BYU and San Diego State, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

» SIMPSON CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles			
	G-GS	Solo	Asst.	Tot.	TFL-Yds.
2006	13-0	9	4	13	0.5-1
Totals	**13-0**	**9**	**4**	**13**	**0.5-1**

#51

JAMES STIGALL

Offensive Lineman
6-3 • 305 • So-1L
Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs HS)

AWARDS

» 2006 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12

» 2007 OUTLOOK

A highly-regarded lineman who looks to gain more playing experience in 2007, likely serving as the understudy to returning starter at left guard, Ryan Madison … Moved to guard in the spring after spending most of his time at center the previous two seasons … Enters fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart behind Madison.

» 2006 SEASON

Got his first chance as a redshirt freshman to contribute to the cause … Spent the season listed No. 2 on the depth chart at center, behind 3rd-year starter Adam Spieker … Saw action in 3 games on the season, seeing the field against Ole Miss, Ohio and Kansas State … Is an outstanding student who earned 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors in 2006.

» 2005 SEASON

Redshirt season … Worked hard as part of the offensive scout team in practice each day, and also in the strength program to add 15 pounds to his frame.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Widely regarded as the top offensive lineman in the state of Missouri, who was a two-way star on the line of scrimmage for the powerhouse Blue Springs High School program … Ranked as the No. 15 offensive guard in the nation by Tom Lemming of ESPN.com … Ranked by SuperPrep as the No. 25 overall prospect in the Midland region, and as the No. 33 offensive lineman in the nation … Weighs in as the No. 39 offensive guard prospect in the country, according to Rivals.com … Rivals also had him as the No. 6 overall prospect in the state of Missouri, regardless of position … Was a 1st-Team all-state selection as a junior and senior, and also added 1st-Team KC all-metro, all-conference, all-area and all-district honors for both years as well … Was also his team's offensive lineman MVP each of his last two years … Teamed with fellow 2005 MU signee Jaron Baston to help lead Blue Springs to Class 6A state championship as a junior in 2003, and consecutive conference and district championships in 2003 and 2004 … Helped offense accumulate nearly 400 yards in the state title game where Blue Springs defeated Hazelwood Central by a 53-0 count to cap off a perfect 13-0 season … An excellent all-around athlete who also lettered in track for 3 years and basketball for 2 years … High school coach – Kelly Donohoe.

» PERSONAL

Son of Mizzou alums, Jeff & Sandy Stigall … Chose MU over Wisconsin, Kansas State, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kansas and Northwestern, among others … Lists hobbies as sports, video games and working out … Was an honor roll student at Blue Springs with a grade point average just under 4.0 … Academic interest lies in either political science or business.

#93

JOHN STULL

Defensive Lineman
6-4 • 275 • RS-Fr.
Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Ferocious competitor with a non-stop motor who has an opportunity to provide big contributions after taking a redshirt in his first year in the program … With the loss of ends Brian Smith and Xzavie Jackson to graduation, Tiger coaches expect him to challenge for considerable playing time in 2007 … Opens fall drills listed No. 3 on the depth chart at one end position … Closed spring camp with a strong performance in the Black & Gold Game, where he ranked 3rd on the defense with 4 tackles (all unassisted).

» 2006 SEASON

Redshirted in his first season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as the No. 16 overall prospect in Missouri by Rivals, who also rated him as the No. 61 strongside defensive end prospect nationally … Earned 1st-Team All-State honors after recording 64 tackles and 9.5 QB sacks as a senior in 2005 … Earned 1st-Team All-Area and All-District honors as a senior co-captain as well … Strong all-around athlete who also lettered in basketball at Rock Bridge … Coached at Rock Bridge by former Mizzou standout A.J. Ofodile.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Martin Stull & Laurie Jattros … Chose Mizzou over Iowa, Kansas, Kansas State, Northwestern and Stanford, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

#77

ADAM SPIEKER

Offensive Lineman
6-3 • 305 • Sr.-3L
Webb City, Mo. (Webb City HS)

AWARDS

- » 2007 Rimington Award Pre-Season Watch List
- » 2006 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Associated Press)
- » 2006 Rimington Award Pre-Season Watch List
- » 2005 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » 2005 1st-Team Sophomore All-American (College Football News)
- » 2004 2nd-Team Freshman All-American (Rivals.com)
- » 2004 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (Sporting News)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

The anchor of Mizzou's offensive line and likely contender for All-American honors and the Rimington Award, given annually to the nation's top center … In his 4th year of starting at the center position, and has started all 36 career games at the spot … Needs 13 more starts to break the school consecutive record of 48.

» 2006 SEASON

Anchored the Tiger offensive line in his 3rd year of starting at the center position … Provided protection for a Tiger offensive attack ranked 8th in the nation in total offense (425.62 ypg) and 10th in the country in passing offense (276.15 ypg) … The offensive line ranked 24th in the country with 1.46 pg QB sacks.

» 2005 SEASON

A very talented center who anchored the Tiger offensive line for the 2nd straight season, grading highly each week … Was part of a line that helped MU rank 17th nationally in rushing (205.25 ypg), and helped put up only the 3rd 2,000-yard passing and 1,000-yard rushing season in NCAA Div. I-A history.

» 2004 SEASON

Started all 11 games at center, named a 2nd-Team Freshman All-American for his efforts by Rivals.com, and 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 squad by The Sporting News … Entered fall No. 1 on the depth chart.

» 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season … Earned scout team MVP honors in practice for his work leading up to the Oklahoma game.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Earned all-state mention as a defensive lineman and all-area performer … STC Grid Report rated as the No. 1 offensive and defensive lineman (all classes) in 2002 … High school coach – John Roderigue.

» PERSONAL

Son of Curt & Holly Spieker … Academic interest lies in business … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Kansas State, Oklahoma State and Illinois, among others.

#38

STRYKER SULAK

Defensive End
6-5 • 245 • Jr.-2L
Rockdale, Texas (Rockdale HS)

AWARDS

» 2005 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (Sporting News)
» 2005 Team Freshman of the Year

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Proven defensive end commodity who will make up for the loss of departed stars Brian Smith and Xzavie Jackson … Enters fall ball favored to take over as the starter at one end position, as he's No. 1 on the depth chart … With 11 career starts under his belt, he's got just as much experience as a returning starter … High-energy and fearless player who's added over 20 pounds to his frame since joining the program.

» 2006 SEASON

Was a significant contributor in all 13 games on the year, starting 4 in all … Had 51 total tackles, including 5.0 tackles for loss, 2 QB sacks, 1 forced fumble, 3 recovered fumbles, 5 QB pressures and 5 passes broken up … Season tackles total ranked 3rd among MU defensive linemen and his 5 PBUs ended tied for 3rd overall … Has 11 career starts under his belt, 7 from his redshirt freshman season … Came off the bench in the Sun Bowl and recorded 5 tackles, 1 QB sack, and 1 fumble recover.

» 2005 SEASON

Very talented and athletic defensive end who started at one end spot for the final 7 games of the season … Had 38 total tackles on the year, including 6.5 tackles for loss (42 yards) and 4 QB sacks (34 yards) … Tied for 2nd on the team with 3 forced fumbles.

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt season … Made big plays constantly throughout fall camp and season practice.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Texas Sports Writers Association named 1st-Team All-State selection … High school coach – Casey Creghan.

» PERSONAL

Son of Steven & Rachel Glaser … Chose MU over Houston, Arkansas, Iowa, Texas A&M, and TCU … Majoring in psychology.

» SULAK CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles					Fumbles	
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	FF-FR	QBH	PBU
2005	12-7	22-16	38	6.5-42	4-34	3-0	5	1
2006	13-4	26-25	51	5-20	2-13	1-3	5	5
Totals	**25-11**	**48-41**	**89**	**11.5-62**	**6-47**	**4-3**	**10**	**6**

» SULAK CAREER HIGHS

Tackles:	7, vs. Kansas State, 2006
Solo Tackles:	5, vs. Murray State, 2006
Assisted Tackles:	4, 2 times
Tackles For Loss:	2, 2 times
Sacks:	1, 6 times
QB Hurries:	2, 3 times

#22

TONY TEMPLE

Tailback
5-9 • 200 • Sr.-2L
Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst HS)

AWARDS

» 2006 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Associated Press, Coaches)
» Spring 2005 Team Most Improved Offensive Back

» 2007 OUTLOOK

The leading returning rusher in the Big 12 Conference (1,063 yards in 2006) and explosive tailback who is a prime contender for all-conference 1st-team honors in 2007 ... Enters the season listed atop the depth chart at tailback ... Needs only 517 more rushing yards to reach the top-10 in MU history ... On the verge of cracking the school top-10 all-purpose yardage list (rushing, receiving and return yardage) ... Needs 538 yards more to reach No. 10 on the all-purpose list ... Capped the spring by catching a 21-yard swing pass for a TD in the Black & Gold Game ... Could appeal to the NCAA for another year of eligibility after his senior year.

» 2006 SEASON

Had a breakout year, ranking 39th nationally, 2nd in the Big 12 with 81.77 yards per game rushing, and rushed for 1,063 yards in all (8th-best total in Mizzou single-season history) – the 9th time in school history surpassing 1,000 yards in a season ... Record-setting outing in the Sun Bowl when he rushed for an MU-bowl record 194 yards and 2 TDs, including a career-long 65-yard TD run ... His 194 yards stands as the 13th-best single-game rushing total in school history ... Topped 1,000 yards on the ground for his career with 76 yards on the ground at Texas Tech ... Spring surgery recovery from an old shoulder injury.

» 2005 SEASON

Played in 10 games and started in 2, ending the year with 437 yards on 81 attempts, with the highest Tiger yard average per carry (5.4) ... Started in the Independence Bowl victory ... Had 4 rushes of 30 yards or more, the most among Tiger tailbacks ... MU's top kickoff return man and ranked 4th in the Big 12.

» 2004 SEASON

One of only two true freshmen to play in 2004 for the Tigers but suffered season-ending injury game No. 8.

» HIGH SCHOOL

U.S. Army All-American, USA Today top Missouri player honors ... High school coach – Tony Severino.

» PERSONAL

Son of Tony & Diana Temple ... Studying hotel and restaurant management ... Chose MU over Kansas State, Michigan, Notre Dame and Iowa, among others.

» TEMPLE CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rush-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long	Rec.-Yds	TDs
2004	1-0	6-13	2.2	0	6	0-0	0
2005	10-2	81-437	5.4	3	59	16-70	0
2006	13-12	193-1063	5.5	7	65	6-34	0
Totals	**24-14**	**280-1513**	**5.4**	**10**	**65**	**22-104**	**0**

	Kickoff Returns			
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
2005	16	376	23.5	36
2006	2	38	19.0	26
Totals	**18**	**414**	**23.0**	**36**

#3

DARNELL TERRELL

Defensive Back
6-3 • 205 • Sr.-2L
St. Louis, Mo. (Eureka HS/Coffeyville CC)

AWARDS

» 2006 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Coaches)
» 2006 Team Cornerback of the Year
» Spring 2006 Team Most Improved Defensive Back

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Superb athlete who Tiger coaches will look to for big things in 2007 … Came into his own in 2006 – winning honorable mention All-Big 12 acclaim from league coaches – and he enters 2007 fall camp listed atop the depth chart at one cornerback position after starting all 13 games there a year ago … Showed that he can be a dependable coverage man, but also has the size, strength and speed to provide solid run support, as well … MU's active career interceptions and pass break up leader, with 3 and 12, respectively.

» 2006 SEASON

Took over as MU's feature cornerback in his 2nd year in the program … Ranked 5th on the team overall, and 1st among MU cornerbacks, with 70 tackles … Led the team with 9 passes broken up … Earned honorable mention All-Big 12 acclaim from league coaches, and was named the team's cornerback of the year in 2006 … Closed the year with a 12-tackle outing against Oregon State in the Sun Bowl, where he also broke up 2 passes and forced a fumble … Had an outstanding night at No. 24 Texas Tech with a career-high and team-leading 13 tackles (11 solo), and added pass break up in MU's key 38-21 win in Lubbock … Picked off his 1st pass of the season and returned it 19 yards against Kansas State, setting up a 2nd-half Tiger score … Made 7 tackles (6 solo stops) against Nebraska.

» 2005 SEASON

Saw action in all 12 games, recording 13 tackles, 2 interceptions and 3 passes broken up … Made a huge play to seal Mizzou's 38-31 win over South Carolina in the Independence Bowl, when he jumped a slant pattern on USC's final drive and intercepted the pass … That pick gave MU the ball with less than just 1:29 left in the game and allowed the Tigers to run out the clock and gain the victory … Finished the game with 3 tackles to go along with his game-clinching interception … Had his biggest performance statistically at Kansas, as he had a season-best 4 tackles, and grabbed the first interception of his career.

» JUNIOR COLLEGE

Ranked as the No. 41 junior college defensive back nationally … Earned NJCAA Honorable Mention All-American honors and 1st-Team all-conference honors at free safety … Junior College Coach – Jeff Leiker.

» HIGH SCHOOL

1st-Team all-state defensive back, all-conference and all-metro honors at wide receiver, running back and all-purpose back … High school coach – Farrell Shelton.

» PERSONAL

Son of Cletus Terrell … Chose MU over Kansas State, Iowa, Michigan State, Wisconsin and Illinois, among others … Academic interest lies in business.

» TERRELL CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2005	12-0	5-8	13	0-0	2-6	3
2006	13-13	48-22	70	3-18	1-19	9
Totals	**25-13**	**53-30**	**83**	**3-18**	**3-25**	**12**

#7

LA'RODERICK THOMAS

Defensive Back
6-0 • 185 • RS-Fr.
Dallas, Texas (South Oak Cliff HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Hard-hitting, athletic cornerback who enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at one corner position, after taking a redshirt a year ago … Moved up a spot on the depth chart, thanks to a strong spring camp that saw him show his physical brand of play … Changed his jersey number in the spring to 7 after wearing 30 a season ago.

» 2006 SEASON

Redshirted his first season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Versatile athlete who was an all-district quarterback at Dallas' South Oak Cliff High School … Was a 2-year starter at signal caller, and was a team captain in both football and basketball … Passed for over 1,000 yards and ran for over 300 as a senior, adding 10 passing TDs and 3 rushing scores that season … As a junior, earned 2nd-Team All-District honors at QB after passing for over 1,200 yards (13 TDs) and rushing for over 500 more (6 TDs) … Basketball team won a state championship as a junior … High school coach – J.B. Wallace.

» PERSONAL

Mother – Bridgit Thomas … Interested in studying business at Mizzou's top-notch School of Business … Chose Mizzou over Kansas, Kansas State, Toledo, New Mexico, Texas-El Paso, Wyoming and San Diego State, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Bruce Walker.

#13

J.P. TILLMAN

Quarterback
6-3 • 250 • RS-Fr.
Houston, Texas (Cy Falls HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Exciting quarterback prospect who has considerable size and strength, which translates to a strong passing arm and unique skills … Enters fall camp listed No. 4 on the depth chart at quarterback.

» 2006 SEASON

Redshirted in his first season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport athlete who ranked as the No. 22 dual-threat QB in the nation, according to Rivals … Attended Mizzou's Independence Bowl win, then the next week played at the same stadium at the All-American Bowl ... Went 8-of-8 passing for 125 yards, while adding 32 yards rushing on 8 carries … Led his West team to 2 scoring drives on the day, as his team went on to a 21-13 win in the all-star game … Completed 94-of-168 passes as a senior for 1,406 yards and 10 TDs, and also rushed for nearly 200 yards and 4 TDs, in being considered a top-10 QB in the state of Texas … Was 1st-Team All-District and MVP of the district as a sophomore and a junior, and earned team's offensive MVP honors both years, as well … Threw for 1,041 yards as a junior, completing 51-of-100 passes, and threw for 17 TDs while rushing for 217 yards and 9 TDs … Accounted for 20 TDs as a sophomore, throwing for just under 1,000 yards and 11 TDs, while rushing for 126 yards and 9 TDs … Was a multi-year letter-winner in basketball and track, in addition to football … High school coach – David Raffield.

» PERSONAL

Parents – John & Marcia Tillman … Has an interest in studying health and nutrition … Chose Mizzou over North Carolina and Duke, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Brian Jones.

#54

CHRIS TIPTON

Offensive Lineman
6-4 • 300 • Sr.-Sq.
Bowling Green, Mo. (Bowling Green HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Walk-on Missouri native who enters fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at right tackle, after practicing mostly at the center position a year ago … Was awarded with a scholarship during the 2006 season.

» 2006 SEASON

Saw game action in 2 games on the year, getting on the field for snaps against Mississippi and Colorado … Entered fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at center.

» 2005 SEASON

Did not see game action, but continued his valuable contributions to the scout team.

» 2004 SEASON

Joined the team as a walk-on and contributed to the scout team efforts throughout the year.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a letterman in 2003 for coach Scott Mullins … Served as the team's captain during his senior year, and he racked up 43 tackles and 3½ QB sacks that season.

» PERSONAL

Son of Kelly Tipton, who works with the Missouri State Highway Patrol … Majoring in hotel and restaurant management.

#57

JAMIE VAUGHN

Offensive Lineman
6-2 • 250 • RS-Fr.
Elgin, Ill. (Elgin HS)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Offensive lineman prospect who hopes to add to the depth of the Tiger line in his first full season with the squad … Took part in spring drills in 2007, and enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at center.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 3-sport standout at Elgin High School, lettering in football, wrestling and track for three years apiece … Was his football team's captain and most valuable player as a senior, as he won 1st-Team All-Conference honors as an offensive lineman … Also was an All-Area pick on both sides of the ball, as he registered 48 tackles and 4 ½ quarterback sacks playing on the defensive line … Was also his wrestling team's MVP as a senior, as he won a conference championship at 275 pounds … Was a 2-time All-Conference performer in wrestling and track, where he won a pair of conference titles in the shotput … High school coach – Tom Kim.

» PERSONAL

Parents – James & Nancy Vaughn … Also has family members living in Columbia … Plans to major in sociology, with a career goal of working in law enforcement eventually … Chose Mizzou over Northern Illinois and Illinois State, among others.

#11

TREMANE VAUGHNS

Defensive Back
5-9 • 180 • Jr.
Patterson, La. (Patterson HS/Pasadena CC)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Well-rounded athlete who comes to Mizzou looking to contribute in a number of ways … Was "Mr. Versatility" at Pasadena City Community College, where he played wide receiver, quarterback, defensive back, running back and also returned kickoffs and punts … Ranked as the No. 94 junior college overall prospect at any position by Rivals, and earned honorable mention JUCO All-American plaudit as an all-purpose back from at least one outlet … Originally signed as part of Mizzou's 2006 recruiting class, but joined the team in January 2007, after earning his degree from Pasadena City College and took part in 2007 spring drills … Played at Pasadena in 2005 with fellow 2007 Mizzou signee Justin Garrett … Has 2 years to play 2 at Mizzou … Enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at one cornerback position, and will have a chance to contribute in the return game as well.

» JUNIOR COLLEGE

During the 2005 season, rushed for 318 yards on 79 carries, completed 19-of-49 passes for 216 yards and 1 TD, and caught 25 passes for 216 yards and 2 TDs … Also returned 8 punts for an average of 9.9 yards per return, and averaged 18.0 yards on 8 kickoff returns … Also recorded 17 tackles and broke up 1 pass as a defensive back … Set a Pacific Coast Conference single-game record by catching 13 passes (for 149 yards and 2 TDs) in a 2005 game against Golden West … As a freshman in 2004, had over 30 tackles on defense, and averaged 26.5 yards on kickoff returns and 19.7 yards on punt returns at Citrus College … Junior college coach – Dennis Gossard.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Was a prep standout in both football and track at Patterson (La.) High School … Was an All-State all-purpose back as a senior in 2003, as a defensive back in 2002, and was named the state 3A defensive player of the year in '02 … In 2002, broke a state record by recording 26 tackles in the state championship game … Ran on a state-title winning 4 x 100 relay team, and was an All-State performer in track at 100 and 200 meters, and as part of 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 relay squads … High school coach – Tommy Minton.

» PERSONAL

Full name – Tremane Terrell Vaughns … Parents – Tyrone Vaughns, Sr. & Anja Rasheed … Chose Mizzou over Minnesota and Purdue, among others … Is interested in studying business at Mizzou's School of Business … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Bruce Walker.

#12

SEAN WEATHERSPOON

Linebacker
6-1 • 230 • So.-1L
Jasper, Texas (Jasper HS)

AWARDS

» 2006 Team Special Teams Player of the Year

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Hard-hitting and fearless linebacker who made a big impact primarily on special teams in his first year on campus … Expected to contribute on defense as well, and with the loss of veterans Dedrick Harrington and Marcus Bacon to graduation, he's got a huge opportunity to do just that … Enters fall camp as the frontrunner to replace Bacon at the weakside linebacker position, as he begins practice listed atop the depth chart at that spot … Played like a veteran leader there during the spring practice period, where he was seen making lots of plays in the middle of the field.

» 2006 SEASON

Saw action in all 13 games, primarily on various special teams units, and was named Mizzou's special teams player of the year, as he led the team with 9 tackles on kickoff coverage … Had 17 tackles in all for the season, and had stops in 9-of-13 games … Other multiple-tackle outings came against Kansas State and at Nebraska, with 3 tackles in each game … Had a half-tackle for loss in consecutive games against Ohio (2 yards) and Colorado (10 yards) … Saw the field in reserve duty on defense, and was listed as the backup on the depth chart at middle linebacker to senior co-captain Dedrick Harrington … Earned playing time with a strong fall camp, and showed coaches that he was ready to play right away, despite his youth … In his collegiate debut versus Murray State, had 5 tackles and blocked a punt that went out of the endzone for a safety … One of 4 true freshmen to play for the Tigers in 2006, joining fellow Texans Danario Alexander (WR), Jared Perry (WR) and Del Howard (CB).

» HIGH SCHOOL

Versatile athlete who was an accomplished 3-sport star in Texas, including playing linebacker in football … Was named the Texas District 22-3A player of the year as a senior, after making 98 tackles in 2005 for Jasper … Had 8 tackles for loss in 2005, and added 4 QB sacks and 2 interceptions from his linebacker position as well, and was a 2nd-Team All-State pick … Also played receiver on offense, and had 27 catches for 428 yards and 7 TDs on that side of the ball … Was a 1st-Team All-District selection as a junior in 2004 at linebacker, after registering 105 tackles, 6 tackles for loss, 2 QB sacks and 3 interceptions … Was named the 22-3A defensive newcomer of the year as a sophomore in 2003, when he amassed 101 stops, 3 tackles for loss, 1 QB sack and 2 interceptions … Excellent all-around athlete who was an All-State high jumper in track, and an All-District performer as a guard in basketball … High school coach – Danny Lauve.

» PERSONAL

Parents – Develous & Elwanda Weatherspoon … Has an interest in studying business administration at Mizzou's top-notch School of Business … Chose Mizzou over Iowa State, Houston, Tulane and TCU, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Matt Eberflus.

» WEATHERSPOON CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles			Blocked
	G-GS	Solo-Asst.	Tot.	TFL-Yds.	Kicks
2006	13-0	11-6	17	1-12	1
Totals	**13-0**	**11-6**	**17**	**1-12**	**1**

#99

LORENZO WILLIAMS

Defensive Lineman
6-1 • 295 • Sr.-3L
Midwest City, Okla. (Midwest City HS)

AWARDS

- » 2006 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Associated Press, Coaches)
- » 2005 Team Rigman Outstanding Underclassman Leadership Award
- » Spring 2005 Team Most Improved Defensive Lineman
- » 2004 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (The Sporting News)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Defensive lineman and strong leader who enters fall ball listed No. 1 on the depth chart at nosetackle … Ranked 10th on Mizzou's career QB sacks list, with 12.5 career sacks … Defense's active career leader in games played (36), TFLs (23.0), QB sacks (12.5), fumbles forced (5), fumbles recovered (5) and blocked kicks (4).

» 2006 SEASON

Defensive lineman who earned his All-Big 12 status for a record season of 53 tackles, 10.5 TFLs and 6 QB sacks playing in the trenches at nosetackle … Recovered 3 fumbles, forced 2 more and ranked 3rd on the team with 7 QB pressures … Set a career-high 9 stops at Nebraska, 2.5 TFLs (10 yards) and 1 sack for a loss of 7 yards against Oklahoma, moving him into MU's top-10 all-time career sacks.

» 2005 SEASON

Defensive tackle who started all 12 games with 35 tackles overall, including 9.5 TFLs (53 yards) and 5.5 QB sacks (33 yards) … 2nd on the team with 3 forced fumbles, 2 recovered fumbles and 6 QB hurries.

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt freshman defensive end and named 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 by The Sporting News … Played in all 11 games, and registered 21 tackles, including 3 tackles for loss and 1 QB sack.

» 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season … Earned scout team MVP honors for play leading up playing Texas A&M.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Named to the Oklahoma Blue Chip team and all-state team … High school coach – Ricky Oliver.

» PERSONAL

Son of Lorenzo Williams and LaRhonda & Steve Alexander … Chose Mizzou over Oklahoma State and Kansas, among others.

» WILLIAMS CAREER HIGHS

Tackles:	9, at Nebraska, 2006
Solo Tackles:	6, vs. Kansas, 2004
Assisted Tackles:	5, at Nebraska, 2006
Tackles For Loss:	2.5, 2 times
Sacks:	2, vs. Baylor, 2005
Recovered Fumbles:	2, at Oklahoma State, 2005
QB Hurries:	3, 2 times
Blocked Kicks:	2, at Kansas, 2005

#68

DAIN WISE

Offensive Lineman
6-5 • 305 • So.-Sq.
Midwest City, Okla. (Carl Albert HS)

AWARDS

» Spring 2007 Team Most Improved Offensive Lineman
» 2006 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Highly-regarded offensive lineman who is the early favorite to take over at right tackle for the departed Joel Clinger, a 1st-Team All-Big 12 selection a year ago … Enters fall camp listed atop the depth chart at right tackle, where he played in 4 games a year ago in reserve duty … Had an outstanding spring practice period, where coaches awarded him the team's most improved offensive lineman award.

» 2006 SEASON

Got his first chance to contribute after taking a redshirt season in 2005 … Spent most of the season listed No. 2 on the depth chart at right tackle, and saw action in 4 games in 2006 … An outstanding student who earned 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors in 2006.

» 2005 SEASON

Redshirt season … Was impressive enough as a true freshman that he made the 2-deep at right guard for most of the 2005 season, but coaches were able to preserve a redshirt … Was a valuable member of the offensive scout team in his first year.

» HIGH SCHOOL

One of the top prospects out of the Sooner state who was a first-team all-stater for Carl Albert High School in Midwest City, Okla. … An outstanding student-athlete who was named the Oklahoma Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the Daily Oklahoman in the spring of 2005 … Known as a tough, hard-nosed player with great work ethic … Team captain whose coach noted him for his leadership on and off the field … Rated as the No. 31 offensive guard in the nation by Rivals.com and the No. 6 overall prospect out of the state of Oklahoma … Helped lead his team to an Oklahoma Class 5A state championship in 2004, and his team was ranked No. 1 for most of the season … Registered 34 ½ pancake blocks as a senior … An excellent all-around athlete who took 5th place in the state track championships in the discus as a junior, with a best toss of 147 ½ feet … High school coach – Gary Rose.

» PERSONAL

Son of Craig & Patty Wise … Father is an English teacher who taught former Tiger standout offensive lineman Tony Palmer … Chose MU over Oklahoma State, New Mexico, Iowa State, TCU, SMU, Kansas, Air Force, Harvard and Tulsa, among others … Lists hobbies as fishing and video games.

#99

JEFF WOLFERT

Placekicker
6-2 • 185 • Jr.-1L
Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley West HS)

AWARDS

- » 2006 Lou Groza Award Semifinalist
- » 2006 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Associated Press, Coaches)
- » 2006 Sun Bowl Special Teams MVP
- » 2006 Team Walk-On Player of the Year
- » 2006 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12

» 2007 OUTLOOK

One of 2006's great "rags-to-riches" stories who went from unheralded walk-on to one of the nation's top placekickers … Looks to solidify himself as one of the nation's best kickers, as he should start the season on the watch list for the Groza Award … Awarded a scholarship in the off-season for his contributions to the program … Enters the 2007 season carrying a string of 53 consecutive combined made kicks (38 PATs, 15 FGs), and in all, he's made 45 straight PATs … Gave up his diving scholarship to walk on the football team in 2005, with only previous game kicking experience in one game as a high school senior.

» 2006 SEASON

Materialized to become one of the best kickers in the nation who won the starting job with a strong fall camp, made 18-of-20 field goals and was perfect on 45-of-45 PATs on the year … Broke MU records for most points scored in a season by a kicker (99), most field goals made (18), most PATs made (45), most consecutive PATs made in a season (45), highest percentage of FGs (.900) and PATs (1.000) made and longest field goal on the road (54 yards at Nebraska) … Ranked 2nd in the Big 12 and 15th in the NCAA in FGs (1.38 pg), and 3rd in the Big 12 and 20th nationally in scoring (7.62 ppg) … Kicked a 54-yarder at the halftime gun at Nebraska that tied for the 2nd-longest FG in MU history, longest FG on the road and Nebraska Memorial Stadium longest opponent FG … Ended the season No. 1 on the depth chart.

» 2005 SEASON

Did not see action after joining the team as a walk-on.

» 2004 SEASON

Standout MU diver with top-five and -10 performances at the 2005 NCAA Zone Diving Championships.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Standout prep diver, two-time NISCA All-American, '02 - '04 All-Metro, All-City and All-State selection.

» PERSONAL

Son of Hank & Susie Wolfert … Majoring in plant science.

» WOLFERT CAREER STATISTICS

		Field Goals			PATs	
	G-GS	Made-Att.	Pct.	Long	Made-Att.	Pct.
2006	13-13	18-20	.900	54	45-45	1.000
Totals	**13-13**	**18-20**	**.900**	**54**	**45-45**	**1.000**

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
2006	0-0	6-6	8-9	3-4	1-1
Totals	**0-0**	**6-6**	**8-9**	**3-4**	**1-1**

#3

MARCUS WOODS

Tailback

5-8 • 195 • Sr.-3L

Farmington Hills, Mich. (Harrison HS)

AWARDS

» Spring 2006 Team Most Improved Offensive Back
» 2004 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (The Sporting News)

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Proven veteran and impact player for the Tigers in the return game and on offense, who looks to return to that role after his playing time dropped in 2006 … Listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at the tailback spot entering fall drills … Needs just 53 more to join the 1,000 career rushing yards club … Changed his jersey number to 3 during the spring, after wearing 20 the last 4 years.

» 2006 SEASON

Second among Tiger tailbacks with 2 rushing TDs … Season-high 53 rush yards and one TD in opener vs. Murray State … Had 2 rushes for 9 yards in game #11 at Iowa State and returned 2 kickoffs at ISU … Suffered a minor ankle injury in the last week of camp that held him out of the annual spring game.

» 2005 SEASON

Had an up-and-down season as MU's 3rd-leading rusher, with 435 yards on 93 carries (4.7 ypc) … Had 3 rushing scores, with single TD games against Arkansas State, Troy and Oklahoma State … MU's top punt returner for an average of 26.9 yards (188 yards total) … Had his biggest game in MU's win at Oklahoma State, as he totaled 204 all-purpose yards, including a career-best 102 yards rushing (20 carries) … Suffered a game-ending groin injury in the regular-season finale at Kansas State and an ankle injury that forced him out for most of spring camp practice.

» 2004 SEASON

Redshirt freshman season that saw him rush for 428 yards and 2 TDs … Played in all 11 games and started against Texas, Nebraska and Kansas State … Had a career-high 81 yards rushing and 1 TD in the season finale at Iowa State, opening the scoring in MU's 17-14 overtime win … Rushed for a game-high 109 yards and 1 TD in the Black and Gold Game on 11 carries.

» 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season and twice-named scout team MVP.

» HIGH SCHOOL

Rivals.com- rated No. 8 all-purpose back nationally … High school coach – John Herrington.

» PERSONAL

Son of Kevin & Anita Woods … Majoring in hotel and restaurant management … Chose Mizzou over Michigan State, Nebraska, Oklahoma State, Kentucky, Toledo and Bowling Green, among others.

» WOODS CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS	Rush-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long	Rec.-Yds	TDs	Long
2004	11-3	101-428	4.2	2	30	8-60	0	48
2005	10-10	93-435	4.7	3	32	18-92	1	18
2006	12-0	21-84	4.0	2	27	2-11	0	8
Totals	**33-13**	**215-947**	**4.4**	**7**	**32**	**28-163**	**1**	**48**

	Punt Returns					Kickoff Returns				
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	7	188	26.9	1	76	0	0	0.0	0	0
2006	9	39	4.3	0	18	4	51	12.8	0	20
Totals	**16**	**227**	**14.2**	**1**	**76**	**4**	**51**	**12.8**	**0**	**20**

#71

MONTE WYRICK

Offensive Lineman
6-5 • 325 • Sr.-2L
Texarkana, Ark. (Arkansas HS)

AWARDS

» 2006-07 Dr. Judy Wells Academic Achievement Award
» Spring 2006 Team Most Improved Offensive Lineman

» 2007 OUTLOOK

Imposing physical presence on the line who has moved permanently to right guard, after starting multiple games in 2006 at both left and right guard positions … Listed No. 2 on the depth chart at right guard entering fall drills … Has 28 career games played and 8 career starts entering the 2007 season … Named the recipient of the Total Person Program's Dr. Judy Wells Academic Achievement Award for his hard work in the classroom.

» 2006 SEASON

Big, strong lineman who was a mainstay in the trenches for the Tigers in his junior season … Began the year at left guard where he started the first 2 games of the year before moving over to the right side, where he alternated starts, starting 4 times in all at right guard … Moved back to the left side, where he started the Sun Bowl contest against Oregon State, and helped MU roll to a bowl-record of 561 yards of total offense … Was a key contributor to a line that paved the way for the Mizzou offense to rank 8th nationally in total offense, at 425.62 ypg, and to post the nation's 10th-ranked passing offense, at 276.15 ypg … MU's offensive line was one of the country's stingiest against the pass rush, as it ranked 24th in the NCAA in fewest QB sacks allowed, permitting just 1.46 per game … Entered fall camp after a strong spring that saw him named the team's most improved offensive lineman.

» 2005 SEASON

Bounced back nicely from a season-ending knee injury a year ago to be a valuable 2nd-string guard … Saw action in 11 games on the year, including the first start of his career, when he earned the honor for game #3 against Troy.

» 2004 SEASON

Played in the first 4 games of the season, and was on his way to being a solid contributor on the line when his season was cut short due to a season-ending knee injury in practice.

» 2003 SEASON

Redshirt season.

» HIGH SCHOOL

First-team all-state pick who was voted as the state's best class 5A lineman … Rated by SuperPrep Magazine as the top offensive line prospect in Arkansas, and the No. 4 overall prospect out of the state (any position) … High school coach – Denny Burdine.

» PERSONAL

Son of Lenzy Wyrick & Myrdis Woodberry … Has an interest in physical therapy … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Arkansas, Baylor, Arkansas State and New Mexico State, among others.

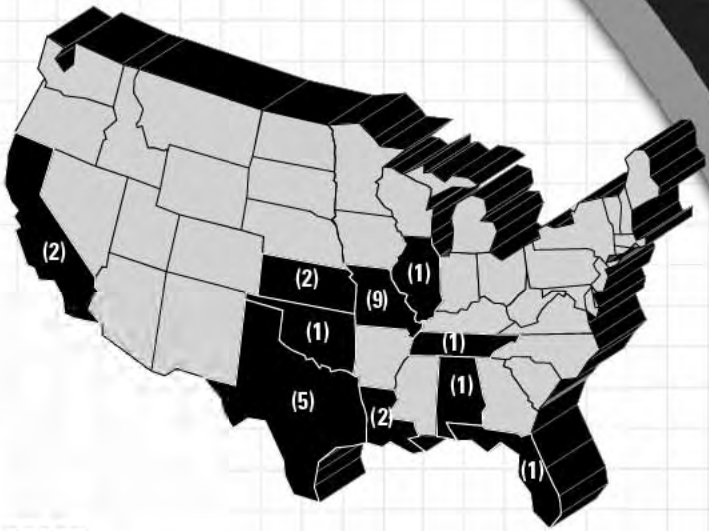
» WYRICK CAREER STATISTICS

	G-GS
2004	4-0
2005	11-1
2006	13-7
Totals	**28-8**

2007 MIZZOU FOOTBALL RECRUITS

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School/Jr. College)
J.T. Beasley	OL/DL	6-2	275	Dyersburg, Tenn. (Dyersburg HS)
**Jaysen Corbett	DL	6-4	260	Galt, Calif. (Galt HS/Sacramento [Calif.] CC)
Tyler Crane	TE/LB	6-3	225	Allen, Texas (Allen HS)
Chris Earnhardt	OL/DL	6-5	250	Springfield, Mo. (Hillcrest HS)
Elvis Fisher	OL/DL	6-5	300	Saint Petersburg, Fla. (Catholic HS)
Andrew Gachkar	RB/LB	6-3	210	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley West HS)
**Justin Garrett	DB	6-2	200	Baton Rouge, La. (Istrouma HS/Pasadena [Calif.] CC)
Carl Gettis	RB/DB	5-11	190	O'Fallon, Mo. (Fort Zumwalt West HS)
Dominique Hamilton	OL/DL	6-6	280	El Paso, Texas (Chapin HS)
Jake Harry	P/PK	6-1	190	Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif. (Torrey Pines HS/Palomar [Calif.] JC)
Trey Hobson	WR/DB	5-11	180	Stanley, Kan. (Blue Valley HS)
Kendall Irving	WR/DB	6-0	180	Arlington, Texas (Seguin HS)
**Michael Keck	TE/LB	6-5	215	Harrisonville, Mo. (Harrisonville HS)
**Luke Lambert	RB/LB	6-3	215	Brookfield, Mo. (Brookfield HS)
**Andy Maples	DL	6-4	295	Lester, Ala. (West Limestone HS/College of the Sequoias [Calif.])
De'Vion Moore	RB/DB	5-9	185	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood Central HS)
Gilbert Moye	QB/DB	6-2	205	Jasper, Texas (Diboll [Texas] HS)
Donte Neal	RB/DB	5-11	195	Arlington, Texas (Sequin HS)
Jayson Palmgren	OL/DL	6-3	295	Kansas City, Mo. (North Kansas City HS)
Terrell Resonno	TE/DL	6-6	250	Jefferson City, Mo. (Jefferson City HS)
Jason Townson	DL	6-4	260	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East HS/College of the Sequoias [Calif.])
**Tremane Vaughns	WR/DB	5-9	180	Patterson, La. (Patterson HS/Pasadena City [Calif.] CC)
Derrick Washington	RB/DB	6-1	195	Peculiar, Mo. (Raymore-Peculiar HS)
Bryan Webb	OL/DL	6-6	270	Tecumseh, Okla. (Tecumseh HS)
Austin Wuebbels	OL/DL	6-4	260	Troy, Ill. (Triad HS)

**Denotes a January enrollee at Mizzou who participated in 2007 spring drills.



» BREAKDOWN BY STATE

Missouri (9)	Earnhardt (Springfield), Gettis (O'Fallon), Keck (Harrisonville), Lambert (Brookfield), Moore (St. Louis), Palmgren (Kansas City), Resonno (Jefferson City), Townson (St. Louis), Washington (Peculiar)
Texas (5)	Crane (Allen), Hamilton (El Paso), Irving (Arlington), Moye (Jasper), Neal (Arlington)
California (2)	Corbett (Galt), Harry (Cardiff-by-the-Sea)
Kansas (2)	Gachkar (Overland Park), Hobson (Stanley)
Louisiana (2)	Garrett (Baton Rouge), Vaughns (Patterson)
Alabama (1)	Maples (Lester)
Florida (1)	Fisher (Saint Petersburg)
Illinois (1)	Wuebbels (Troy)
Oklahoma (1)	Webb (Tecumseh)
Tennessee (1)	Beasley (Dyersburg)

» 2007 MIZZOU FOOTBALL RECRUIT PROFILES

» J.T. BEASLEY

Fr., OL/DL, 6-2, 275, Dyersburg, Tenn. (Dyersburg High School)

Ranked as the No. 16 center in the nation by Rivals, as well as the No. 23 player (all positions) in the state of Tennessee ... Same outlet also rated him as the state's No. 1 interior offensive lineman ... Earned 1st-Team All-State honors by both the media and coaches in 2006 ... Team captain who won his school's most outstanding offensive lineman award in 2006 as a senior, and was also a finalist for Tennessee's Mr. Football yearly award ... Selected as a Dream Team member by the Nashville Tennessean ... High school coach – James Counce ... Parents – Jeff & Rhonda Beasley ... An outstanding student and nominee for the Wendy's High School Heisman in 2006 ... Plans to study pre-med ... Chose Mizzou over Mississippi, Kentucky, Mississippi State and Northwestern ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Matt Eberflus.

» TYLER CRANE

Fr., TE/LB, 6-3, 225, Allen, Texas (Allen High School)

Defensive standout for Allen High School who projects as a linebacker or tight end prospect for Mizzou ... Was a 1st-Team All-District defensive end as a senior in 2006, and also earned honorable mention All-State honors by the Associated Press ... Notched 98 tackles, 12 tackles for loss, 9 QB sacks and forced 4 fumbles in 2006, along with 3 fumble recoveries and 1 interception ... Was a 2nd-Team All-District pick as a junior in 2005 when he registered 70 tackles and had 8 tackles for loss, to go with 7 QB sacks and 2 fumble recoveries ... Also starred in track at Allen for 3 years, and was part of a school-record holding and district champion 4 x 200 relay squad ... High school coach – Thomas Westerberg ... Parents – Henry & Arlena Crane ... Interested in studying computer graphic design ... Chose Mizzou over Louisville, Kansas State, Houston, TCU, UTEP, Kansas and Iowa State ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Bruce Walker.

» CHRIS EARNHARDT

Fr., OL/DL, 6-5, 250, Springfield, Mo. (Hillcrest High School)

Rated as the No. 12 player in the state of Missouri by Rivals, as well as the No. 41 strongside defensive end in the country by the same outlet ... Ranked by Super Prep as the state's No. 16 overall prospect, as the nation's No. 96 defensive end prospect and as the No. 57 overall prospect (any position) in the Midlands region ... Was a 1st-Team All-State selection by Missouri sports writers, as well as a 2nd-Team All-State pick by coaches ... Won area defensive player of the year honors after an impressive senior season, amassing 108 tackles and 11 QB sacks in 2006, also adding 3 fumble recoveries and 2 forced fumbles ... Also eclipsed the 100-tackle mark in his junior season, with 110 stops on the year ... High school coach – Gary Turner ... Son of Melissa Earnhardt ... Chose Mizzou over Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas State, Kansas and Illinois ... Interested in studying food science and nutrition ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

» ELVIS FISHER

Fr., OL/DL, 6-5, 300, Saint Petersburg, Fla. (Catholic High School)

Ranked by Super Prep as the nation's No. 53 offensive tackle prospect, as well as the No. 76 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Florida ... High school coach – Dan Mancuso ... Son of Jeff Fisher ... Chose Mizzou over Florida, West Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina State and South Florida ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

» ANDREW GACHKAR

Fr., RB/LB, 6-3, 210, Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley West High School)

Ranked by Super Prep as the No. 46 overall prospect (any position) in the Midlands region ... Also comes in as the nation's No. 33-ranked weakside linebacker prospect, according to Super Prep, who also rates him as the No. 10 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Kansas ... Rated as the No. 12 overall prospect in the state of Kansas by Rivals, despite being hindered by an injured shoulder during the year that limited his statistics ... Played both running back and linebacker as a senior in 2006 ... As a junior, amassed 83 tackles, with 5 QB sacks and added 2 interceptions on the year ... Also forced 2 fumbles and returned 1 of his INTs for a score ... High school coach – Scott Wright ... Parents – Tom & Tina Gachkar ... Plans to study engineering ... Chose Mizzou over Michigan, Purdue, Kansas State and Kansas ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

» CARL GETTIS

Fr., RB/DB, 5-11, 190, O'Fallon, Mo. (Fort Zumwalt West High School)

Rated as the nation's No. 45 running back prospect by Rivals, and the No. 11 overall player in the state of Missouri (all positions) ... Accumulated nearly 2,000 yards from scrimmage as a senior in 2006, adding 21 total TDs on the season ... Rushed for 1,300 yards and 21 TDs in 2006, while adding nearly 700 receiving yards on the way to racking up All-State, All-Conference and All-District honors ... Had over 1,800 yards from scrimmage as a junior, rushing for 1,186 yards and 14 TDs, while adding 638 yards receiving and 2 TDs ... An accomplished student who was a 2-time winner of his team's academic award ... Earned team MVP honors and All-District recognition in basketball ... High school coach – Paul Day ... Parents – Earnest & Paula Gettis ... Interested in pursuing a degree in business financing ... Chose Mizzou over Tennessee, Mississippi, Kansas, Memphis and Vanderbilt ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Cornell Ford.

» DOMINIQUE HAMILTON

Fr., OL/DL, 6-6, 280, El Paso, Texas (Chapin High School)

Ranked by Super Prep as the nation's No. 29 defensive tackle prospect, and also as the No. 57 overall prospect (any position) coming out of Texas in 2007 ... Rated as the nation's No. 34 defensive tackle prospect by Rivals, which also ranked him as the No. 62 overall prospect (any position) in the talent-rich state of Texas ... Earned honorable-mention All-State status as a senior, as well as 1st-Team All-District honors, after amassing 90 tackles and 8 QB sacks on the season ... High school coach – Darren Walker ... Son of Zul-tan Jackson ... Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State, Colorado and Arizona State ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Brian Jones.

» JAKE HARRY

So., P/PK, 6-1, 190, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif. (Torrey Pines High School/ Palomar [Calif.] Junior College)

Junior college punting prospect who will have 3 years to play 3 at Mizzou ... Began his college career at Oregon State, where he redshirted as a true freshman in 2005 ... After one season at OSU, Transferred to Palomar Junior College, where he played in 2006 ... At Palomar Junior College in 2006, averaged 38.9 yards per punt, and had 10 punts downed inside the opponents' 20-yardline (on 10 tries) ... Also handled kickoff duties, and forced 20 touchbacks ... Won 2nd-Team All-Conference honors in 2006 ... Made 52-of-52 PATs as a senior in 2004, and was 7-of-9 on FG tries ... Also averaged 36.5 yards per punt and had 19-of-20 directional punts downed inside opponents' 20-yardline ... High school coach – Ed Burke ... Parents – Skip & Karen Harry ... Interested in studyIng either business or communications ... Lists bowling, surfing and spear fishing among his interests ... Chose Mizzou over Rutgers, TCU, Rice and Duke ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Cornell Ford.

» TREY HOBSON

Fr., WR/DB, 5-11, 180, Stanley, Kan. (Blue Valley High School)

Rated by Rivals as the No. 68 safety in the nation, as well as the No. 10 overall prospect (all positions) out of the state of Kansas ... Ranked by Super Prep as the No. 79 overall prospect (any position) in the Midlands region ... Helped lead his team to an undefeated 2006 season (12-0), capped by a state championship victory over Great Bend to claim the Class 5A title ... Played well on both sides of the ball, as he had 31 tackles and 2 INTs (returning both for TDs) as a lockdown cornerback, and also added 45 catches as a wideout for 837 yards and 4 TDs ... Also returned 16 punts for 165 yards and 1 TD ... Earned honorable mention All-State honors as a senior, and was a 1st-Team All-Conference pick each of his last 2 years as a defensive back ... His team ended the 2005 season as state runner up, as he amassed 58 tackles, broke up 4 passes, and added 2 fumble recoveries and 1 INT, while also catching 6 TD passes (16 receptions for 692 yards in all) and returning 2 punts for TDs ... High school coach – Steve Rampy ... Parents – Albert & Delisha Hobson ... Has plans to study in Mizzou's acclaimed School of Journalism, with an interest in the broadcast sequence ... Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Michigan State, Kansas State, Northwestern and Kansas ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

» KENDALL IRVING

Fr., WR/DB, 6-0, 180, Arlington, Texas (Seguin High School)

A wide receiver/defensive back prospect who was named by the Dallas Morning News as one of the top-100 players in the region, and among the same outlet's top-10 wide receivers for the Dallas/Fort Worth area ... Will be joined at Mizzou by Seguin teammate Donte Neal ... Started playing football his junior year of high school, when he transferred to Seguin and played mostly defensive back, before adding wide receiver duties to his repertoire as a senior in 2006 ... Was the team's starting X-receiver and defensive back, before a knee injury slowed him down in 2006 ... High school coaches – Ricky Albus & Anthony Criss ... Parents – Renwick & Katra Ridgeway ... Has plans to study either nutrition and fitness or physical therapy ... Chose Mizzou over Arkansas, LSU, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Baylor, TCU, Kansas State and Kansas ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Steckel.

» DE'VION MOORE

Fr., RB/DB, 5-9, 185, St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood Central High School)

Ranked by Rivals as the No. 18 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri ... Was a major weapon out of the backfield for Hazelwood Central in 2006, as he totaled nearly 2,000 yards from scrimmage, including 1,640 on the ground on 216 carries (a healthy 7.6 yards per carry average), and had 341 receiving yards and tallied 20 total TDs on the year ... Topped the 200-yard rushing mark in 3 games as a senior

... Earned 1st-Team All-State and All-Conference acclaim as a senior ... 2nd-Team All-Conference selection as a defensive back during his junior season with 76 tackles and grabbed 2 INTs, while also rushing for 610 yards and 8 TDs on offense ... High school coach – John Pukalua ... Son of Deicha Wilson ... Lists an interest in studying sports medicine ... Chose Mizzou over Michigan and Iowa ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Cornell Ford.

» GILBERT MOYE

Fr., QB/DB, 6-2, 205, Jasper, Texas (Diboll [Texas] High School)

Highly-regarded athletic dual-threat quarterback from Diboll, Texas, where he was rated by Rivals as the No. 30 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Texas, and also as the nation's No. 30 athlete prospect ... Ranked by Super Prep as the nation's No. 25-ranked athlete prospect, and as the No. 38 overall prospect (any position) coming out of the state of Texas in 2007 ... Won All-State and District MVP honors as a senior in 2006, and was named by Max Emfinger as an All-American for his play ... Threw and ran for over 600 yards each in 2006, as he led his team to a berth in the state playoffs ... Transferred to Diboll prior to the 2005 season when his family's home in Jasper was destroyed by Hurricane Rita ... Transfer rules forced him to sit out the 2005 season before resuming play in 2006 ... Parents – Gilbert & Palace Moye ... Chose Mizzou over Oklahoma, Nebraska, Texas A&M, Colorado, TCU, Houston and Iowa State ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Matt Eberflus.

» DONTE NEAL

Fr., RB/DB, 5-11, 195, Arlington, Texas (Seguin High School)

Ranked by Super Prep as the nation's No. 81 safety prospect coming out of the 2007 recruiting class ... Will be joined at Mizzou by Seguin teammate Kendall Irving ... Was a 1st-Team All-District pick each of his last 2 years ... Registered 88 tackles as a senior in 2006, with 8 TFLs and 5 QB sacks, while notching 73 tackles, 3 TFLs and 1 QB sack during his junior campaign of 2005, when he helped guide his team to a 4th-place finish in the state playoffs ... High school coach – Ricky Albus ... Chose Mizzou over Wisconsin, Texas A&M, Kansas State and Kansas ... Parents – Danny Neal & Naomi Timberlake ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Steckel.

» JAYSON PALMGREN

Fr., OL/DL, 6-3, 295, Kansas City, Mo. (North Kansas City High School)

Physical offensive lineman who helped pave the way for explosive offenses at North Kansas City High School ... Rated by Rivals as the No. 8 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri, and also as the nation's No. 21 offensive guard prospect ... Also ranked by Super Prep as the state's No. 8 overall prospect, and as the nation's No. 66 offensive guard recruit ... Selected to play in the inaugural All-American Offense-Defense Bowl played in January in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ... Was an All-State selection in each of his final 2 seasons, and also claimed 1st-Team All-Conference and All-District honors in his sophomore, junior and senior campaigns ... High school coach – Chad Valadez ... Parents – Mark Whitaker & Jeanne Smith ... Intends to earn a degree in education ... Chose Mizzou over Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas State and Kansas ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

» TERRELL RESONNO

Fr., TE/DL, 6-6, 250, Jefferson City, Mo. (Jefferson City High School)

Ranked by Rivals as the No. 7 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri for the 2007 class, and is also regarded by the same outlet as the nation's No. 40 prospect at the position of strongside defensive end ... Rated by Super Prep as Missouri's overall No. 17 prospect (any position) ... Was a standout at defensive tackle, and recorded 58 tackles in 2006 and added 7 QB sacks on the year ... Won 1st-Team All-State honors as a defensive end in 2006, while also pulling in All-District honors playing on the offensive line ... Helped lead Jefferson City to a district title in 2006 and to a spot in the Class 6 semi-finals in the state playoffs ... Earned a place on his school's academic honor roll ... High school coach – Ted Lepage, a former Mizzou ... Parents – Anthony & Sylvia Talley ... Chose Mizzou over Illinois, Louisville, Kansas State, Arizona State and Kansas ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

» JASON TOWNSON

Jr., DL, 6-4, 260, St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East High School/ College of the Sequoias [Calif.])

Originally signed with Mizzou out of Hazelwood East High School as part of the Tigers' 2005 recruiting class, before spending the last 2 years at the College of the Sequoias ... Coming out of high school, was widely regarded as the No. 1 defensive line prospect out of the St. Louis area, and was ranked as the No. 16 overall prospect in the state of Missouri that year by Rivals ... Had 91 tackles and 6 QB sacks as a senior in 2004 and was named 1st-Team All-State, All-Metro and All-Conference as a defensive lineman ... Was also an All-Conference offensive performer for Hazelwood East ... Earned All-Conference honors defensively while pulling in honorable mention All-Conference honors on offense ... Junior college coach – Mike Clemons ... High school coach – Cory Johnson ... Parents – Victor & Denise Townson ... Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Kansas State, Michigan State and Illinois ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Craig Kuligowski & Cornell Ford.

» DERRICK WASHINGTON

Fr., RB/DB, 6-1, 195, Peculiar, Mo. (Raymore-Peculiar High School)

Rated by Rivals as the No. 5 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri, as well as the No. 20 running back prospect in the nation ... Ranked by Super Prep as the No. 50 overall prospect (any position) in the Midlands region ... Was a key figure to one of the most dominant team periods in Missouri history, as Ray-Pec won 3 straight Class 5 titles from 2004-06, on a combined record of 36-3 ... Had 5,500 yards from scrimmage and 83 TDs in his impressive career, twice being named the Kansas City offensive player of the year ... Scored an unreal 12 combined TDs in those 3 title games (8 TD rushes, 2 pass receptions, 1 punt return and 1 fumble return) ... Almost single-handedly led his team to a 42-32 win in the 2006 Class 5 state title game against Kirkwood ... Scored 5 of his team's 6 TDs in the game, on 3 runs (13, 1 and 65 yards in length), 1 pass reception (23 yards), and a 68-yard punt return for a TD with just 1:59 left in the game to ice the championship ... Ended the day with 174 yards rushing, and he also forced and recovered a fumble on defense, as Ray-Pec ended the year with a 10-3 record ... Rushed for 1,930 yards and 31 TDs as a senior in 2006, and also caught 22 receptions for 347 yards and 8 TDs, on his way to earning Class 5 offensive player of the year honors ... Also scored 4 TDs in the 2005 Class 5 title game (won by Ray-Pec, 43-21 over McCluer North), on runs of 1, 5, and 34 yards, and a 4th coming on a 48-yard pass from Mizzou TE Chase Coffman's brother, Carson ... Had 99 yards rushing and 115 yards receiving on the day, as Ray-Pec closed the season with a perfect 13-0 record ... Had nearly 2,300 yards from scrimmage as a junior, as he rushed for 1,326 yards (averaging a whopping 15.1 yards per attempt) and 22 TDs, while catching 31 passes for 861 yards (27.8 avg.) and 7 more TDs ... Also scored 3 TDs as a sophomore in 2004 in the Class 5 state title game, in leading Ray-Pec to a 37-18 win over McCluer North ... Scored on runs of 2 and 10 yards, and later on a 15-yard fumble recovery ... A well-rounded athlete who also lettered in basketball and track for his school ... High school coach – Tom Kruse ... Parents – Donald & Sarah Washington ... Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan State, Colorado State and Kansas ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

» BRYAN WEBB

Fr., OL/DL, 6-6, 270, Tecumseh, Okla. (Tecumseh High School)

Ranked by Rivals as the No. 24 overall prospect (any position) out of the state of Oklahoma ... Ranked by Super Prep as the No. 38-ranked tight end prospect in the nation, and also as the overall No. 12-ranked prospect (any position) to come out of the state of Oklahoma in 2007 ... Caught 11 passes for 225 yards and 2 TDs as a senior in 2006, while adding 45 tackles and 3 QB sacks on defense ... Earned district tight end of the year honors in 2006, while landing a spot on the All-State team as an honorable mention selection ... As a junior in 2005, caught 28 passes for 329 yards (11.8 avg.) and 3 TDs ... Was an honorable-mention All-State pick as a junior ... High school coach – Greg George ... Parents – Anthony Webb / Misty & Jamie Roden ... Plans to major in political science, with an eye on eventually studying law ... Chose Mizzou over Colorado State and Kansas ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

» AUSTIN WUEBBELS

Fr., OL/DL, 6-4, 260, Troy, Ill. (Triad High School)

Rated by Rivals as the No. 47 offensive guard in the nation, as well as the No. 29 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Illinois ... Caught the eye of Mizzou coaches after outstanding performances at Mizzou camps in both 2005 and 2006 ... Paved the way for high-scoring offenses at Triad High School, where he also contributed on the defensive line and also at linebacker ... Named team MVP and won All-State, All-Conference and All-Metro honors as a senior in 2006, as his team averaged 34.5 points per game and won a 3rd-straight conference championship with over 4,200 yards of total offense on the season ... Added 51 tackles on defense as a senior ... Won All-Metro, All-Conference and All-Area mention as a junior in 2005 while helping his offense to over 4,200 yards on the season ... All-Conference and All-Area pick as a sophomore as his team averaged a whopping 45.4 points per game and amassed nearly 4,000 yards of offense on the year ... An outstanding student-athlete who was a National Honor Society member ... High school coach – Paul Bassler ... Parents – Charlie & Michele Wuebbels ... Intends to pursue a degree in engineering ... Chose Mizzou over Louisville, Purdue, Kansas State, Illinois and Indiana ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

COACHING STAFF

MIZUNO

GARY PINKEL

Head Coach
7th Year at Mizzou

Alma Mater: Kent State ('73)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

RECORD: 110-72-3 overall in 16 seasons; 37-35 at MU in 6 seasons

2001-Present	Head Coach, Missouri
1991-2000	Head Coach, Toledo
1984-1990	Offensive Coordinator, Washington
1979-1983	Receivers, Washington
1977-1978	Receivers, Bowling Green
1976	Tight Ends, Washington
1975	Graduate Assistant, Kent State
1974	Student Assistant, Kent State

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Tight End at Kent State (1971-73)
A.P. Honorable Mention All-American (1973)

In six years directing the Missouri Tiger football program, Head Coach Gary Pinkel has built a solid foundation that has Mizzou pointed toward an exciting future.

While Pinkel himself would say that the program is still a work in progress, numerous accomplishments already tell a success story. Mizzou enjoyed an exciting 2006 campaign that saw them win eight regular-season games for just the 10th time in school history, and the Tigers' appearance in the Brut Sun Bowl marked MU's third bowl game in the past four seasons – the first time in 25 years that Mizzou has reached three bowls in four years.

Mizzou caught the attention of the national football community in 2006, as the Tigers got out to a scintillating 6-0 start, the first time since 1973 that MU had won its first six games. Mizzou was ranked for much of the season, had its name mentioned on the cover of Sports Illustrated and had its program prominently featured in other national publications such as USA Today and The New York Times. Exposure to the program has never been higher, as a record-tying nine of MU's 13 games were televised in 2006.

His success has led to an increased commitment to his program from the University, as Pinkel was awarded with a new five-year contract last November that will keep him on the Tiger sidelines through the 2011 season. With winning seasons in 2003 (8-5), 2005 (7-5) and 2006 (8-5), Pinkel is the first MU coach to achieve three winning seasons since Warren Powers.

Pinkel and his program successfully built on the momentum created from a scintillating 38-31 win over South Carolina in the 2005 Independence Bowl, that saw his Tigers overcome a 21-point deficit. The thrilling win marked the largest come-from-behind win in school history, and it gave Mizzou only its second bowl win in the last 24 years.

In the last four seasons, Pinkel has led the Tigers to a mark of 28-21 overall.

Pinkel now has led Mizzou to three bowl games, and that puts him in select company, as he joins Don Faurot, Dan Devine, Al Onofrio and Warren Powers as the only coaches to guide MU to three bowl games. After beating Nebraska (41-24 on Oct. 22nd) for the second time in three years, Pinkel became the first MU coach since Al Onofrio to defeat the Huskers twice.

His six-year Mizzou record stands at 37-35, and in 16 years, his record is 110-72-3 overall. The win over Nebraska in 2005 was the 100th of his head coaching career.

After taking over a program that had fallen on hard times in 2001, Pinkel had increased success in each of his first three seasons, improving from four wins in 2001 to five wins in 2002, to the 2003 squad which went 8-5 and made the school's third bowl appearance since 1983.

Long considered a "sleeping giant" of a program, Mizzou had a memorable 2003 season under Pinkel's guidance, as he showed that Tiger Nation can indeed roar again.

The list of accomplishments by the 2003 team was staggering:

- The eight regular-season wins marked the first time since 1980 – and only the 4th time since 1960 – that MU had amassed that many wins in the regular season. The team became only the 9th in MU's history to accomplish the feat...
- MU went a perfect 6-0 at Faurot Field that season, with the win total marking a school record for one season at home. Mizzou had never won more than five games at Faurot, which opened as Memorial Stadium in 1926. It also marked MU's first unblemished home season since the 1974 team went 5-0...
- Mizzou's 41-24 win over #10 Nebraska on Oct. 11th broke a 24-game losing streak to the Huskers, making Pinkel the first Tiger coach to beat Nebraska since Warren Powers in 1978...
- The Nebraska win also marked MU's first win over a top-10 opponent since 1981, breaking a string of 45 straight losses to top-10 foes for the school...

» Mizzou led the Big 12 Conference, and ranked 6th in the NCAA in rushing, with an average of 237.46 yards per game. That marked the first time since 1960 that Mizzou has won a conference rushing team title...

The 2004 season saw Mizzou take a slight misstep, as the Tigers went 5-6 overall. But a stirring overtime 17-14 upset win in the 2004 regular-season finale at Iowa State gave the program renewed hope for the future, and provided Mizzou some momentum on which to build in the off-season. The win, which came on a regional ABC Sports telecast, prevented the favored Cyclones from winning their first outright league championship since 1912, and also kept them from playing in the Big 12 Championship game.

The win also likely played an important role in Mizzou's recruiting success, as Pinkel and his staff were able to sign a class considered to be among the nation's top-35 in 2005, even despite the sub-.500 season. The class included the signing of the national high school player of the year (quarterback Chase Daniel out of Southlake [Texas] Carroll High School).

The 31st head coach in the program's history, Pinkel was hired on Nov. 30, 2000, and in his short time on board, he has proven to his colleagues, alumni, fans and student-athletes that Tiger Football is on the upswing.

After a rebuilding year in 2001, Pinkel had Mizzou much improved in his second campaign — and playing for bowl eligibility entering the Tigers' final game of the season. Tough losses to third-ranked Oklahoma (on a late fourth quarter fake field goal), to 18th-ranked Colorado (in overtime) and a last-second loss at 22nd-ranked Iowa State were all that kept Mizzou out of a bowl game.

Pinkel opened the 2002 campaign by leading MU to one of the program's most impressive season-opening wins in recent history when Mizzou dismantled Illinois — the defending Big Ten Conference champions and a 2001 BCS Bowl team — 33-20 in St. Louis, Mo. He later defeated Mizzou's heated rival, the Kansas Jayhawks, as MU downed Kansas 36-12 to give him a 2-0 record vs. KU. This made Pinkel only the third coach in school history to win his first two encounters against Kansas.

Pinkel came to Missouri after spending 10 very successful years as head coach at Toledo, where he amassed an impressive 73-37-3 record (65.9%).

PINKEL'S COACHING RECORD

16 years **110-72-3 (.603)**

AT TOLEDO

Year	Overall	Pct	MAC (Place)	Pct
1991	5-5-1	.500	4-3-1 (T-3rd)	.563
1992	8-3	.727	5-3 (T-3rd)	.625
1993	4-7	.364	3-5 (T-7th)	.375
1994	6-4-1	.591	4-3-1 (6th)	.563
1995	11-0-1	.958	7-0-1 (1st)	.938
1996	7-4	.636	6-2 (T-2nd)	.750
1997	9-3	.750	7-1 (1st/West)	.875
1998	7-5	.583	6-2 (1st/West)	.750
1999	6-5	.545	5-3 (T-2nd/West)	.625
2000	10-1	.909	6-1 (1st/West)	.857
10 yrs.	**73-37-3**	**.646**	**53-23-3**	**.689**

AT MISSOURI

Year	Overall	Pct	Big 12 (Place)	Pct
2001	4-7	.363	3-5 (5th)	.375
2002	5-7	.417	2-6 (5th)	.250
2003	8-5	.615	4-4 (3rd)	.500
2004	5-6	.455	3-5 (3rd)	.375
2005	7-5	.583	4-4 (2nd)	.500
2006	8-5	.615	4-4 (2nd)	.500
6 years	**37-35**	**.514**	**20-28**	**.417**

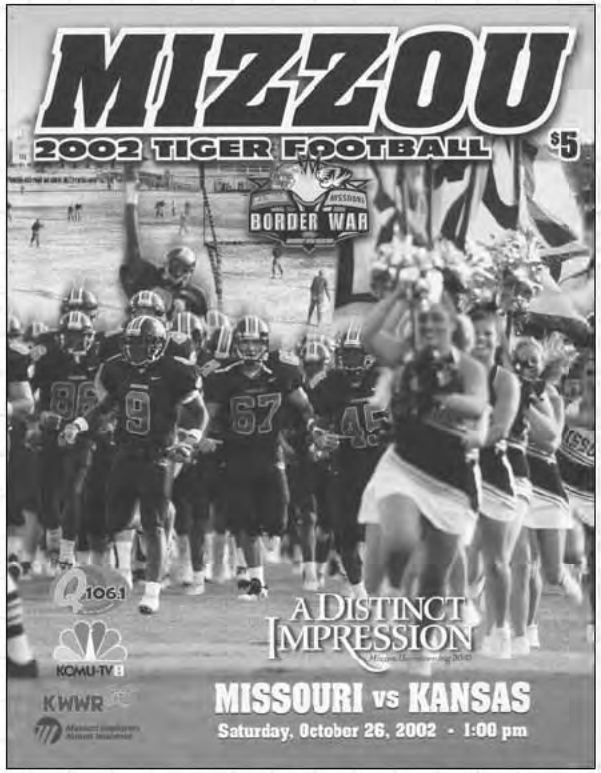
Toledo's all-time winningest coach, Pinkel's last six teams there went a combined 50-18-1 overall. Three of those teams advanced to play in the post-season, capturing one Mid-American Conference championship and three MAC West Division titles. Three of his last five teams at Toledo were ranked in the nation's top 25. His 1995 squad went 11-0-1, and was one of just two schools (national champ Nebraska was the other) to finish the season without a loss.

Prior to becoming a head coach, Pinkel learned the trade from one of the alltime great coaches, the legendary Don James. For 12 years as an assistant under James at Washington (1979-90), Pinkel helped guide the Huskies to a combined record of 104-37-2 (73.4%) and three Pac-10 Conference titles. He served as UW's offensive coordinator for seven seasons (1984-90), and helped mold one of the nation's most potent offensive attacks.

Pinkel played under James at Kent State University, where he was an all-conference and honorable mention All-American tight end.

Pinkel graduated from Kenmore High School in Akron, Ohio, and received his bachelor of science degree in education from Kent in 1973. He did post-graduate studies at Kent and Bowling Green, and in 1997 was inducted into the Kent Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was born April 27, 1952. Pinkel and his wife, Vicki, have a daughter, Erin, and sons Geoff and Blake.



PINKEL'S BIG WINS AT MIZZOU

2001 – Mizzou 41, Oklahoma State 38 (3-OT)
- » Pinkel's 1st Big 12 Conference win — 1st of two conference road wins on the year

2002 – Mizzou 33, Illinois 20
- » Tigers upset defending Big Ten champ as Brad Smith era begins
- » 1st of 2 straight wins in St. Louis over Illinois

2002 – Mizzou 36, Kansas 12
- » Tigers win Homecoming over archrival
- » Pinkel is only 3rd MU Coach to ever start 2-0 against Kansas

2003 – Mizzou 41, #10 Nebraska 24
- » Mizzou's 1st win over Nebraska since 1978
- » Mizzou's 1st win over a top-10 team since 1981

2005 – Mizzou 38, South Carolina 31
- » Tigers win Independence Bowl with biggest comeback win in MU history
- » MU's 1st bowl win since 1998 – Pinkel's 1st at MU

2006 – Mizzou 38, #24 Texas Tech 21
- » Win moved MU to 6-0 for 1st time since 1973
- » 1st road win at ranked opponent for MU since 1997

DAVE CHRISTENSEN

Asst. HC / Off. Coordinator / Off. Line
7th Year at Mizzou
Alma Mater: Western Washington ('85)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2001-Present	Asst. Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/ Offensive Line, Missouri
1997-2000	Off. Coordinator/Offensive Line, Toledo
1992-1996	Offensive Line, Toledo
1990-1991	OL/TE/RB, Idaho State
1989-1990	Offensive Line, Washington
1988	Spokane Falls CC
1986-1987	Offensive/Defensive Line, Eastern Washington
1985	Offensive/Defensive Line, Everett (WA) H.S.
1984	Offensive/Defensive Line, Sehome (WA) H.S.
1983	Running Backs, Western Washington

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Washington (1980-82)

RECRUITING AREAS

Southwest Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Arizona Junior Colleges

Dave Christensen is one of the top offensive coaches in the nation, and has coached under Gary Pinkel since 1992. He has been Pinkel's offensive coordinator since 1997, and has coached the offensive line for the past 15 seasons. Christensen, a 2002 and 2003 nominee for the Frank Broyles Assistant Coach of the Year Award, is in his seventh season as Assistant Head Coach – the highest-ranking assistant on Pinkel's staff.

Despite losing Brad Smith, the most prolific quarterback in Mizzou history, to graduation, Mizzou's offensive attack hardly missed a beat with first-year starter Chase Daniel, who kept the offense humming and set numerous school passing records himself in 2006. The Tigers finished the 2006 season with the nation's 8th-ranked offense, averaging 425.62 yards per game, and including the nation's 10th-ranked passing attack, at 276.15 yards an outing. The Tiger offense set numerous team and individual records, including total offense (5,533 yards) and passing yards (3,590). Two of Christensen's linemen earned All-Big 12 honors, as senior tackle Joel Clinger earned 1st-Team honors by league coaches, and he and center Adam Spieker both earned honorable-mention status from the Associated Press.

Christensen's offense, which underwent a big transformation to a spread, no-huddle attack in 2005, was very successful the same year. His attack, executed by record-setting quarterback Brad Smith, ended the 2005 season ranked in the top four in the Big 12, and in the top-40 nationally in three major categories – rushing (205.25 ypg – 3rd in Big 12/17th in NCAA), total offense (429.75 ypg – 4th/24th) and scoring (30.75 ppg – 4th/34th).

Despite going to battle each week with a young offensive line that featured just one senior starter, the offense jelled right away, as the Tigers rolled to 657 yards in the 2005 season opener against Arkansas State. That was just three yards shy of the school record. Three of Christensen's linemen won all-Big 12 honors in 2005, led by senior left guard Tony Palmer, who earned 1st-Team league honors for the first time in his career. He was joined by sophomore center Adam Spieker and junior right tackle Joel Clinger. Palmer eventually became a 7th-round draft pick in the 2006 NFL Draft by the St. Louis Rams.

Christensen was behind the wheel of a Mizzou offensive attack in 2003 that broke the school single-season record for points, with 399. That broke the previous mark of 368 set by the 1997 squad.

The Tiger rushing attack also proved to be one of the most potent in the nation in 2003, as MU led the Big 12 Conference, and ranked 6th nationally with an average of 237.46 yards per game. That marked the first time since 1960 that MU won a conference rushing championship, when the Tigers led the old Big Eight with a mark of 249.3 yards per game. Its 3,087 rushing yards for the season ranked as second-best in school season history. Senior center A.J. Ricker and senior tackle Rob Droege each earned 1st-Team All-Big 12 honors for their play in 2003, while sophomore guard Tony Palmer earned Honorable Mention All-Big 12 status. Ricker and Droege both signed free agent contracts in the spring of 2004 with the Chicago Bears of the National Football League. Scott Paffrath signed a free agent deal with the Washington Redskins following the 2005 NFL Draft.

Under Christensen's guidance, Mizzou featured one of the most potent attacks in school history in 2002. The Tigers averaged 30.0 points per game, and the 360 points scored were the third-most in MU history at the time. Christensen's balanced run-pass attack allowed redshirt freshman quarterback Brad Smith to become just the second player in NCAA Division I-A history to pass for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in a season.

Mizzou's emphasis on a disciplined attack also produced an offense that led the nation in fewest turnovers, with just 11 offensive giveaways in 12 games.

Christensen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from Western Washington in 1985 and a Master of Science degree in college instruction/sports science from Eastern Washington University in 1988.

He and his wife Susie, are the parents of Katie, D.J. and Emily.

CHRISTENSEN'S ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

Aaron Crittendon, OL	2nd Team (2001)
A.J. Ricker, OL	3rd Team (2001), 2nd Team (2002), 1st Team (2003)
Justin Bland, OL	Hon. Men. (2001)
Mike Hayes, OL	Hon. Men. (2001)
Rob Droege, OL	1st Team (2002, 2003)
Tony Palmer, OL	Hon. Men. (2003), 2nd Team (2004), 1st Team (2005)
Adam Spieker, OL	Hon. Men. (2005)
Joel Clinger, OL	Hon. Men. (2005), 1st Team (2006)

MATT EBERFLUS

Assoc. HC / Def. Coordinator / Safeties
7th Year at Mizzou
Alma Mater: Toledo ('93)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-Present	Associate Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator, Safeties, Missouri
2004-2005	Defensive Coordinator, Safeties, Missouri
2001-2003	Defensive Coordinator, Secondary, Missouri
1999-2000	Defensive Backs, Toledo
1994-1998	Outside Safeties, Toledo
1994-1995	Recruiting Coordinator, Toledo
1993	Graduate Assistant, Toledo
1992	Student Assistant, Toledo

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Toledo (1988-91)

RECRUITING AREAS

Eastern Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, California Junior Colleges

Matt Eberflus is in his seventh year as defensive coordinator at Mizzou, and his second with the title of associate head coach. The 2006 season marked Eberflus' 15th season under Gary Pinkel, and his eighth campaign coaching defensive backs. Eberflus, who is also one of Missouri's top in-state recruiters, began working with the Tiger safeties in 2004, after overseeing the broader secondary in his first three years at Mizzou.

Eberflus directed a Tiger defense that was among the most improved in the nation in 2006. Mizzou ranked in the nation's top-35 in five different statistical categories, including pass defense second in the Big 12 and 37th nationally, allowing 185.69 yards per game. The Tigers also excelled at keeping opponents off the scoreboard, as they allowed just 19.54 points per game (4th in the Big 12, 33rd nationally) – the lowest per-game points allowed at Mizzou since 1982. Senior safety David Overstreet capped his outstanding Tiger career by winning 2nd-Team All-Big 12 honors under Eberflus' coaching – a tribute to Eberflus' coaching, as Overstreet converted from quarterback after his redshirt freshman season.

Eberflus was the architect behind Mizzou's stellar defense in 2004, which saw the Tigers become one of the top units in the country, and one of the best in the Big 12 Conference. Mizzou ended the season ranked 2nd in the league in total defense, and 14th in the NCAA, allowing an average of 301.36 yards per game.

Mizzou's pass defense led the Big 12 in 2004, and ranked 3rd nationally, allowing an average of just 149.27 yards per game. Eberflus' troops also ranked among the nation's top-25 in two other categories that season – pass efficiency defense (12th – 104.28) and scoring defense (23rd – 19.55 ppg) – meaning the Tigers were among the nation's 25 best in four categories for the season.

In 2004, the Tiger defense was top-notch in many other categories, and just a few of those include fewest opponents first downs allowed (first in the Big 12) and fourth-down defense (first). Mizzou also ranked second in the Big 12 that season in third-down defense, allowing opponents to convert on only 29.4 percent of their tries.

The 2005 unit began the year as young and inexperienced, having lost seven starters off the 2004 squad, but it showed improvement throughout the season and played a key role in helping MU get back to the post-season. Both of Eberflus' starting safeties – SS David Overstreet and FS Jason Simpson – earned honorable mention all-Big 12 honors, as both were relied upon to make big play after big play.

Eberflus did a masterful job in 2003 of molding together a relatively green defense into a steadily improving unit that clearly made a difference in MU surging to an 8-5 record and post-season play.

A look at the numbers show that Eberflus' defense made great strides in 2004. After ranking 107th nationally in total defense in 2002 (450.33 ypg), MU allowed nearly 150 less in 2004, as noted above, and ranked 14th in the NCAA (301.35 ypg). Mizzou's pass defense made the most progress, making an amazing jump to 3rd in the nation in 2004 (149.27 ypg), just two years after it ranked 113th nationally with an average allowance of 282.58 yards in 2002.

Two of Eberflus' secondary protégés, senior cornerback Michael Harden and junior safety Nino Williams II, earned Honorable Mention All-Big 12 honors for their play in 2003. Harden went on to sign a free agent contract with the Seattle Seahawks following the 2004 NFL Draft. Safety Jason Simpson blossomed under Eberflus in 2004 into an all-league performer, as he was named 2nd-Team All-Big 12 in what was a breakout season.

Known as a top-notch recruiter, Eberflus has landed several impact players in his short time at Mizzou, including All-American quarterback Brad Smith (Youngstown, Ohio) and wide receiver Sean Coffey (East Cleveland, Ohio), among many others. Eberflus is also credited with leading the recruiting efforts of two of the top high school players in the state of Missouri in the 2002 recruiting class, as he was instrumental in landing national recruits Dedrick Harrington and Joel Clinger.

Eberflus' secondary played a huge role in helping the University of Toledo become one of the top defensive teams in the country in 2000. The UT defense led the nation in turnover margin (+2.0), recording 15 interceptions and 16 fumble recoveries. The Toledo secondary ranked 19th in the country in pass defense (187.45 yards per game) and was part of a defense that was ranked third in the nation in total defense, giving up just 269 yards per game.

Eberflus was a four-year letter winner and a three-year starter at linebacker for Toledo, earning first team All-Conference honors his junior and senior seasons. Eberflus was Toledo's captain as a senior. He led Toledo in tackles his last two seasons, making 89 stops in 1990 and 138 in 1991. He received the Nicholson Trophy as a senior for contributing the most toward the success of the team. He was inducted in February, 2004 into the Toledo Athletic Hall of Fame.

Eberflus earned a Bachelor of Education degree in 1993. Matt and his wife Kelly have two daughters, Grace and Giada.

EBERFLUS' ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

Michael Harden, CB	Hon. Men. (2003)
Nino Williams II, S	Hon. Men. (2003)
Jason Simpson, S	2nd Team (2004), Hon. Men. (2005)
David Overstreet, S	Hon. Men. (2005), 2nd Team (2006)

CORNELL FORD

Cornerbacks
7th Year at Mizzou
Alma Mater: Toledo ('91)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2004-Present	Cornerbacks, Missouri
2001-2003	Outside Safeties, Missouri
1996-2000	Receivers, Toledo
1996	Recruiting Coordinator, Toledo
1993-1995	QB/RB/WR, Marietta College
1991-1992	Graduate Assistant, Toledo
1988-1990	Freshman Coach, Maumee (OH) H.S.

RECRUITING AREAS

St. Louis

Cornell Ford is in his 14th season as a valuable member of Coach Gary Pinkel's staff, including his seventh working with the Tiger secondary. Beginning with the 2004 season, Ford has coached the Tiger cornerbacks, after he focused on MU's outside safeties the previous three years. Ford is also the Tigers' chief recruiter in St. Louis, where he has signed some of the very best players in the state.

The Tiger secondary was instrumental in MU's defensive improvement in 2006, and Ford's cornerbacks were a big reason why. Led by junior Darnell Terrell, who earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from league coaches, the Tigers ranked second in the Big 12 Conference and 37th nationally in pass defense, permitting 185.69 yards per game on average. That fact was even more impressive, considering that starting CB Domonique Johnson missed five games due to a knee injury midway through the season.

After losing top performer Shirdonya Mitchell in 2004, Ford helped develop his cornerback unit into one that was dependable and steady in 2005. Mizzou ended the 2005 regular season ranking 4th in the Big 12 in pass defense, allowing an average of 212.55 yards per game.

Senior Marcus King blossomed into a big-play performer for the Tiger secondary in 2005, as he led the team with a career-high 13 passes broken up – including a record-breaking 99-yard interception return for a TD in the Independence Bowl win. King earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors by both league coaches and media for his efforts, and he teamed with fellow senior A.J. Kincade to give the Tigers a dependable tandem. King later went on to earn a free agent contract with the NFL's Dallas Cowboys following the 2006 NFL Draft, and another Ford protégé, Calvin Washington, was invited to the rookie minicamp of the Washington Redskins following the draft as well.

Just about every one of Ford's cornerbacks had career years under his coaching in 2004, and that performance was instrumental in Mizzou's substantial improvement in defense. Thanks in large part to his cornerbacks, Mizzou led the Big 12 Conference, and ranked 3rd nationally in pass defense in 2004, allowing an average of just 149.27 yards per game. His corners grabbed eight of MU's 15 interceptions in 2004, which was a nice team improvement from a total of nine in 2003 (including three from cornerbacks that year).

Senior Shirdonya Mitchell blossomed into a high-level cornerback in 2004 under Ford's direction, as he ranked 5th in the Big 12 Conference, and 33rd nationally, with his four interceptions. Mitchell earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors for his play, in only his second year playing defense, and signed a two-year free agent deal with the Miami Dolphins following the 2005 NFL Draft. Juniors Marcus King and A.J. Kincade also had big years. King tied for the team lead with four turnovers gained (two interceptions and two fumbles) and led the team with seven pass break ups. Kincade had a career-high two interceptions, including a game-winning pickoff in overtime of the season finale at Iowa State.

In addition to his coaching duties, Ford has worked hard to earn a reputation as one of the most well-trusted recruiting presences in his area of St. Louis. His hard work and straightforward approach has paid off recently, as he has had many successful efforts in the area, including current redshirt freshman wideout Jeremy Maclin and senior standout receiver Will Franklin. Ford was also successful in getting Missouri's foot in the door in other St. Louis schools where there hadn't been much Tiger success in recent years.

Ford spent five seasons at Toledo coaching the wide receivers. Toledo graduate Mel Long pulled in 175 receptions in his four-year career, 21 of those for touchdowns. He also held the longest active streak in NCAA Division I for consecutive games with a reception. Under Ford, Long became Toledo's all-time leading receiver.

Before Toledo, Ford coached at Marietta College where he coached the quarterbacks, running backs and receivers, while also serving as the team's strength and conditioning coach. Marietta led the conference in rushing offense in 1994 and 1995 and owned the league's top running back both seasons.

Prior to joining the Marietta staff, Ford served two seasons as a graduate assistant at Toledo. He helped with the offensive line in 1992 and the secondary in 1991.

Ford holds a Bachelor's degree (1991) in physical education and a Master's degree (1993) in sports administration from Toledo.

He and his wife, Dawn, are the parents of a son, Devin, and a daughter, Taylor.

FORD'S ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

Tauras Ferguson, OS	Hon. Men. (2001)
Shirdonya Mitchell, CB	Hon. Men. (2004)
Marcus King, CB	Hon. Men. (2005)
Darnell Terrell, CB	Hon. Men. (2006)

ANDY HILL

Wide Receivers
12th Year at Mizzou
Alma Mater: Missouri ('85)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2001-Present	Wide Receivers, Missouri
2000	Co-Offensive Coord./Wide Receivers, Missouri
1996-1999	Wide Receivers, Missouri
1994-1995	Head Coach, Hutchinson CC
1992-1993	Assistant Coach, Hutchinson CC
Spring 1992	Volunteer Graduate Assistant, SMU

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Missouri (1980-84)

RECRUITING AREAS

Northwest Missouri, Kansas City, Kansas, Iowa, Colorado, Kansas Junior Colleges

Andy Hill has coached six seasons under Gary Pinkel and 11 seasons overall at the University of Missouri, making him the longest tenured coach on the Tiger football staff. Hill coaches the Mizzou wide receivers as he has since joining the Missouri staff in 1996. Hill has helped mold several young receivers into key components of the Missouri offense, including such players as Justin Gage, Sean Coffey, and most recently, Will Franklin and Jared Perry.

Under Hill's tutelage, the Tiger receiving corps was instrumental in helping Mizzou develop into a passing attack that ranked 10th in the country, averaging 276.15 yards per game in 2006. Four Tiger wideouts had 25 or more catches, including Franklin (48), Perry (37), Brad Ekwerekwu (32) and Tommy Saunders (25). Franklin earned honorable mention All-Big 12 status for his breakout year, which included 829 yards and six touchdowns in 11 games, with the yardage total ranking as the seventh-most in MU single-season history. Perry, a true freshman, developed quicker than anticipated, as Hill coached him to honorable mention freshman All-American honors. Perry caught 37 passes for 429 yards and three touchdowns on the year, and has a bright future ahead of him.

Hill also doubles as a highly-successful recruiter, primarily in the Kansas City and mid-Missouri areas, as he's been responsible for landing such big names over the years as Martin Rucker, Chase Coffman and Tony Temple, among numerous others. He was named by Rivals.com as one of the top-10 recruiters in the Big 12 Conference for 2007.

Former Tiger Sean Coffey blossomed in 2004, as he caught 39 passes for 648 yards and an MU single-season record 10 touchdowns. The junior earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors for his efforts. Senior Thomson Omboga also ended his career in strong fashion, as he hauled in 39 catches to give him 127 for his career, which ranks him 4th of all-time at Mizzou. Omboga signed a free agent deal with the NFL's Minnesota Vikings following the 2005 NFL Draft.

Coffey had an injury-plagued regular season as a senior in 2005, but still earned honorable mention All-Big 12 status, despite missing three games due to injury. He ranks as one of MU's most productive pass catchers of all-time, as he stands 5th on MU's all-time receiving yardage list (1,596) and 6th on the career receptions list (118). Coffey signed a free agent contract with the NFL's San Diego Chargers following the 2006 NFL Draft.

Hill helped develop Gage into one of the top receivers in the Big 12 Conference and one of the premier wide outs in the country. After converting from quarterback in the spring of 2000, Gage caught 200 passes for 2,704 yards and 18 touchdowns in three seasons – all MU career receiving records. Gage left after 2002 holding virtually every game, season and career receiving mark on the Mizzou books, and is now making an impact professionally, after he became a 5th-round selection of the Chicago Bears in the 2003 NFL Draft.

While the Tiger passing attack undoubtedly missed Gage's abilities in 2003, Hill's wideouts still played a key role in MU's offense that broke the school single-season record for points, with 399 (breaking the old mark of 368 in 1997).

Six different wideouts caught passes in 2003, a group which was led by junior Thomson Omboga. Omboga developed into MU's leading pass catcher last year, with 52 catches for 466 yards and a touchdown, while senior Darius Outlaw (41 catches, 417 yards) had the most receiving scores on the season, with four.

Three of Hill's receivers are among 12 Tigers of all-time to accumulate over 160 receiving yards in a single-game, with Gage holding the school record of 236 yards (accomplished twice). Missouri has had 12 different receivers go over 100 yards in a single game during Hill's tenure.

Previous to Missouri, Hill was the head football coach at Hutchinson (Kan.) Junior College. Hutchinson went 18-6 under Hill, including a 10-2 record in 1995 when it won its first Conference title since 1969 and ranked ninth in the final NJCAA national poll. He was named the conference Coach of the Year. Hill was the offensive coordinator at Hutchinson in 1992 and 1993 after serving as a graduate assistant at SMU in the spring of 1992.

Hill is a Mizzou grad who walked on the Tiger football team in 1980 and eventually earned a scholarship. He lettered in 1980, '81, '83 and '84 and played on Missouri teams that earned trips to the Liberty, Tangerine and Holiday Bowls. In his career, Hill caught 51 passes for 946 yards and scored seven touchdowns. As a senior, he caught 25 passes for 445 yards and three scores. Following his playing days at Missouri, he spent time in the training camps of the Kansas City Chiefs and Calgary Stampeders in 1985 and '86.

Andy and his wife Sarah are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ryan, and son Andrew. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from MU in 1985. He worked for the athletic department as MU's group sales coordinator in 1988-89, and also worked at American Bank in his hometown of Trenton, Mo., and for Edwards D. Jones Co. in Brookfield.

HILL'S ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

Kent Layman, WR	Hon. Men. (1998)
Justin Gage, WR	Hon. Men. (2000), 1st Team (2001, 2002)
Sean Coffey, WR	Hon. Men. (2004), Hon. Men. (2005)
Will Franklin, WR	Hon. Men. (2006)
Jared Perry, WR	Hon. Men. Freshman All-American (2006)

BRIAN JONES

Running Backs
7th Year at Mizzou
Alma Mater: Connecticut ('80)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2001-Present	Running Backs, Missouri
1995-2000	Running Backs, Toledo
1992-1994	Receivers, Toledo
1991	Receivers, Lafayette College
1988-1991	Receivers/OLB, Massachusetts
1984-1987	Outside Linebackers, Villanova
1983-1984	Offensive Line, Rensselaer Poly Tech

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Connecticut (1979)

RECRUITING AREAS

Houston, Southern Texas

Brian Jones has been a member of Gary Pinkel's coaching staff since 1992. After coaching wide receivers from 1992 to 1994 at Toledo, he has guided an excellent running game for the last 12 seasons.

Jones helped develop junior Tony Temple into one of the top ball carriers in the Big 12 Conference in 2006, as the Kansas City, Mo., native ranked second in the league in rushing, with a career-high 1,063 yards and seven touchdowns. Temple ended the 2006 season with an MU bowl-record 194-yard, 2-touchdown rushing day in the Sun Bowl against Oregon State, and he will enter the 2007 season as the Big 12 Conference's leading returning rusher. After experiencing some fumble problems during the middle of the year, Jones stuck with Temple and helped him rebound by posting strong games at Nebraska (99 yards) and in the regular-season finale against rival Kansas (72 yards, 1 TD), in addition to the bowl game. Temple earned honorable mention All-Big 12 status by league coaches in 2006.

Despite their youth and injury problems, Jones' group made steady progress in 2005, and contributed heavily to MU's rushing attack, ranked 3rd in the Big 12 Conference and 17th in the NCAA, averaging 205.25 yards per game. Mizzou's tailbacks combined to rush for more than 1,100 yards and tallied 8 TDs in 2005, averaging a healthy 5.6 yards per carry. In May of 2006, Jones was one of only 25 coaches selected to participate in the prestigious NCAA Expert Coaches Academy.

Jones' backs rushed for over 1,200 yards and had 9 of MU's 13 rushing TDs on the season in 2004. Junior Damien Nash, led with 792 yards and 7 TDs, while redshirt freshman Marcus Woods, amassed 428 yards with 2 scores. Woods was named 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 for his efforts in 2004. Nash was a 5th-round draft pick by the Tennessee Titans in the 2005 NFL Draft.

Mizzou had one of the nation's most potent rushing attacks in 2003, as the Tigers pounded their way to 3,087 yards—good for a per-game average of 237.46 yards that ranked MU 1st in the Big 12 Conference and 6th in the NCAA statistics. It marked the first time since 1960 that MU won a conference rushing championship, when the Tigers led the old Big Eight with a mark of 249.3 yards per game. Missouri rushed for 38 touchdowns on the year, on the way to scoring a school single-season record 399 points.

Jones' workhorse from 2001-03 was tailback Zack Abron. Abron thrived under Jones' coaching and turned himself into one of the top backs in the Big 12 Conference. Abron rushed for a career-best 1,155 yards in 2003, making him only the 7th 1,000-yard rusher in MU history.

Abron set numerous career records in 2003, as he left MU holding the standard in rushing yards (3,198), touchdowns (42) and points (252). He improved his average yards per rush from 3.6 as a freshman in 2000 to a healthy 5.3 in 2003, and also worked with Jones to develop himself into a pass-catching threat out of the backfield. Abron was named 2nd-Team All-Big 12 in 2003 for his work, and went on to sign a free agent contract with the Atlanta Falcons following the 2004 Draft.

During Jones' last two seasons at Toledo, UT's running attack was ranked in the top-10 in the country. In 2000, the Rockets' running game ranked ninth in the country, racking up 253.8 yards per game. UT compiled 2,792 yards on the ground and averaged 5.43 yards per carry. In 1999, Toledo ranked 10th in the country in rushing, compiling 239.2 yards per outing and ranked No. 1 in the nation in yards per attempt (5.35). Jones' protégé Chester Taylor racked up 1,176 yards and ranked 20th in the country, while his rushing average of 6.5 yards per carry ranked second-best in the nation.

In 1995, Toledo led the league and ranked fifth in the nation in rushing, averaging 244.5 yards per game. The Rockets' starting tailback that season, Wasean Tait, broke 16 school records, including yards in a season (1,905) and touchdowns (20). Tait was the named the MAC Player of the Year and garnered second team All-America honors ranking second in the nation in rushing and third in scoring.

Jones came to Toledo from Lafayette College where he served as the wide receivers coach. Prior to that, Jones served three years each as an assistant coach with the Massachusetts (1988-91) and Villanova (1984-87).

He also had coaching stints at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1983-84), Norwich (VT) University (1982-83) and the New York Institute of Technology (1981-82).

Jones was an offensive lineman at the University of Connecticut, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing in 1980. He also holds a Master of Science degree in administration and physical education from Norwich (1983).

Jones was born in Jamaica and raised in New York City. He and his wife, Mary Kay, are the parents of sons Grant and Brandon, and daughter Audrey.

JONES' ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

Zack Abron, TB	3rd Team (2001), Hon. Men. (2002), 2nd Team (2003)
Tony Temple, TB	Hon. Men. (2006)

CRAIG KULIGOWSKI

Defensive Line
7th Year at Mizzou
Alma Mater: Toledo ('91)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2001-Present	Defensive Line, Missouri
1996-2000	Defensive Line, Toledo
1994-1995	Tight Ends/Asst. Offensive Line, Toledo
1993-1994	Tight Ends, Toledo
1992-1993	Recruiting Coordinator, Toledo

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Toledo (1987-90)

RECRUITING AREAS

Houston, Southern Texas

Craig Kuligowski is in his 16th season alongside Gary Pinkel, and in his 12th season coaching the defensive line. The 2006 season saw Kuligowski's pupils succeed at a high level, as he coached standout defensive ends Brian Smith, Xzavie Jackson and tackle Lorenzo Williams to All-Big 12 honors. Smith earned 2nd-Team mention, while Jackson and Williams won their first-ever honorable mention acclaim.

Despite being hurt severely by injuries in 2006, the Tiger defensive line was a disruptive force early and often, as they amassed 28 combined sacks of MU's overall 36 sacks on the season, which were the second-most in school history (41 sacks in 1982 is the MU record). Smith was a catalyst, as he broke MU's career sack record before breaking his hip in game eight against Kansas State. Despite his injury, Smith was chosen in the 4th round of the 2007 NFL Draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars – making him the 4th lineman coached by Kuligowski in the last six years to be drafted by the league. Jackson and Williams stepped up in Smith's absence, and now also rank on MU's all-time career top-10 in sacks, and true sophomore tackle Ziggy Hood had four sacks despite missing three games due to a broken foot.

Facing arguably the biggest rebuilding job at any position on the team in 2005, Kuligowski oversaw a defensive line that grew into a solid unit, despite losing three starters from 2004 to the NFL. Junior defensive end Brian Smith blossomed into an every-down player, and had a monster year, ranking among the best in the Big 12 Conference with 9 QB sacks, 17 tackles for loss and 12 QB hurries. He also had a career-high total of 66 tackles. Smith earned 2nd-Team All-Big 12 accolades for his performance.

Kuligowski's line was a focal point for the Tiger defense in 2004, and a major reason for the overall improvement of the defense. Three of his pupils – tackles Atiyyah Ellison and C.J. Mosley, and end Brian Smith – earned various All-Big 12 honors for their play in 2004, with Ellison and Mosley pulling in 1st-Team distinction. Redshirt freshman Lorenzo Williams also earned 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 honors by The Sporting News.

Two of Kuligowski's protégés were drafted as part of the 2005 NFL Draft, as tackles Atiyyah Ellison (3rd round) and C.J. Mosley (6th round) were picked by the Carolina Panthers and Minnesota Vikings, respectively. Later, defensive end Zach Ville signed a free agent deal with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Kuligowski's line has steadily improved against the run in each year since he arrived in 2001. In 2006, Mizzou allowed 134.54 yards per game on the ground, which ranked 58th nationally. The 2004 Tiger outfit allowed 152.09 yards rushing per game, which ranked them 64th in the nation. In 2005, the numbers were virtually identical, with an average of 152.18 yards per game that ranked MU 63rd nationally. That followed a mark of 167.23 yards per game in 2003, which ranked them 72nd in NCAA statistics, an improvement from a rank of 78th in 2002 (167.75 ypg) and 89th in 2001 (198.73).

Under Kuligowski's leadership, the Tiger defensive line proved to be the strength of MU's defense in 2002. Led by senior tackle Keith Wright and senior end Antwaun Bynum, the Tiger front four was a constant disruptive force for opposing teams. Wright led the Big 12 Conference, and ranked in the top-10 nationally, with 23 tackles for loss in 2002, while Bynum ranked among conference leaders in sacks, fumbles forced and tackles for loss.

Bynum earned first team All-Big 12 honors in 2002, and was named an honorable mention All-American by CNNSI.com, while Wright was a first team All-Big 12 pick by various outlets. Wright's development led to him being a 6th-round selection by the Houston Texans in the 2003 NFL Draft.

Kuligowski was credited with building one of the top defensive lines in the MAC during his tenure at Toledo. In 2000, the Rockets were ranked fifth in the country in rushing defense, allowing just 81.5 yards per game and 2.46 yards per carry. They were ranked third in the country in scoring defense, third in total defense and No. 1 in turnover margin.

In 1997, Kuligowski coached first team All-MAC lineman Jason Richards, who signed with the NFL's Tennessee Titans.

Kuligowski was a four-year standout at Toledo (1987-90) as an offensive tackle. He was named first team All-MAC two straight years and helped lead UT to the MAC title his senior year. He was an integral part of the 1990 offense that turned in totals of 135 rushing first downs, 2,474 rushing yards and 4,335 total yards, all top five marks in Toledo history.

Kuligowski earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Toledo in 1991. He and his wife Mary have two daughters: Peyton and Madeline, and son Max, who was born in March of 2005. Also in the spring of 2005, Kuligowski teamed with players Earl Goldsmith, DeQuincy Howard and Scott Wheatley to win the inaugural 3-on-3 basketball tournament held by the football program.

KULIGOWSKI'S ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

Keith Wright, DL	2nd Team (2001, 2002)
Antwaun Bynum, DE	Hon. Men. (2001), 3rd Team (2002)
Atiyyah Ellison, DL	3rd Team (2003), 1st Team (2004)
C.J. Mosley, DL	2nd Team (2003), 1st Team (2004)
Brian Smith, DE	Hon. Men. (2003, 2004), 2nd Team (2005, 2006), Freshman All-American (2003)
Xzavie Jackson, DE	Hon. Men. (2006)
Lorenzo Williams, DL	Hon. Men. (2006)

DAVE STECKEL

Linebackers
7th Year at Mizzou
Alma Mater: Kutztown ('82)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2001-Present	Linebackers, Missouri
1999-2000	Linebackers, Rutgers
1996-1999	Defensive Line, Rutgers
1992-1996	Defensive Line, Toledo
1988-1992	Linebackers/Special Teams, Lehigh
1986-1988	Asst. Head Coach/ Off. Coor., Dickinson College
1985-1986	Graduate Assistant, Minnesota
1984-1985	Defensive Line, Ball State
1983-1984	Graduate Assistant, Miami (OH)
1982	Defensive Coor./Off. Line, Governor Mifflin H.S., Schillington, Pa.

RECRUITING AREAS

Dallas, Western Texas

Dave Steckel is in his seventh season at Missouri as the Tigers' linebacker coach. He returned to Pinkel's coaching staff in 2001 after spending five seasons as the linebacker and defensive line coach at Rutgers University.

Steckel helped mold James Kinney into a prolific tackler, as he ended his Tiger career by breaking the MU career tackles record (434) during his senior season of 2004. Kinney led MU in stops in 2004, with 112, making him the first player in school history to record three consecutive seasons of 100 or more tackles. He earned 1st-Team All-Big 12 honors for his efforts, and signed a free-agent deal with the Jacksonville Jaguars after the 2005 NFL Draft.

In five of his six years at Mizzou, Steckel has had at least one of his linebackers earn all-league recognition, including two apiece in the 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2006 seasons. The 2006 season featured stellar play from senior standouts Marcus Bacon and Dedrick Harrington. Bacon earned 1st-Team All-Big 12 acclaim for his play that featured a team-best 112 tackles. He became MU's first linebacker to win the Big 12 defensive player of the week award since 1997, when he won the award for his play in week two against Ole Miss. Harrington also had his best season as a Tiger, as he totaled a career-high 100 stops, and later signed a free agent contract with the Dallas Cowboys following the 2007 NFL Draft.

No Tiger linebackers won all-league acclaim in 2005, but Steckel's group still developed into solid playmakers for the MU defense. With two first-time starters in his three-man set, Steckel molded a relatively inexperienced group into one that solidly contributed to the defense. Junior Marcus Bacon, senior Derrick Ming and junior Dedrick Harrington finished the season ranked 3rd, 4th and 5th on the team in tackles, with 85, 81 and 73 stops, respectively. Ming, who contributed on special teams primarily in his first three seasons on the team, blossomed into a dependable first-year starter, as he led the team with four forced fumbles, while Harrington ranked 2nd on the squad with 12.5 tackles for loss.

Ming eventually signed a free agent contract with the Buffalo Bills of the NFL following the 2006 NFL Draft.

One of MU's top recruiters, Steckel has helped land numerous all-stars for Mizzou, primarily out of the state of Texas. He was responsible for the successful recruitment of Southlake Carroll High School quarterback Chase Daniel, who was named the EA Sports National High School Player of the Year. Daniel lettered as a true freshman at MU in 2005 and set numerous school records as a first-year starter in 2006.

Both of Steckel's stars were honored for their play in 2003, as Kinney was named 2nd-Team All-Big 12 by the Associated Press, while Barnes earned Honorable Mention acclaim by both league coaches and media. Barnes impressed enough people that he eventually signed a free agent contract following the 2004 NFL Draft with the Baltimore Ravens, and later played for the Washington Redskins.

At Rutgers, Steckel coached two all-conference defensive linemen from 1996-99, both of whom went on to play in the NFL. In 2000, Steckel moved to coach the linebackers. He served as one of Rutgers' chief recruiters, signing 14 players in his first three seasons.

Before Rutgers, Steckel coached the defensive line for Pinkel at Toledo from 1992-95. He was the defensive line coach during the 1995 undefeated season that went on to win the Las Vegas Bowl. Steckel helped coach a defensive unit that ranked No. 1 in the Mid-American Conference and 12th nationally. One of those players, Dan Williams, was the 11th overall selection in the 1993 NFL Draft.

Steckel served in the United States Marine Corps from 1975-78. He then went on to graduate from Kutztown State College and earned a Master's degree from Miami (Ohio) in 1982.

He is married to the former Mary Beth Thomas of Floyd's Knob, Ind. They have one beautiful daughter named Amanda.

STECKEL'S ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

Sean Doyle, LB	Hon. Men. (2001, 2002)
Jamonte Robinson, LB	2nd Team (2001)
James Kinney, LB	Hon. Men. (2002), 2nd Team (2003), 1st Team (2004)
Brandon Barnes, LB	Hon. Men. (2003)
Marcus Bacon, LB	1st Team (2006)
Dedrick Harrington, LB	Hon. Men. (2006)

BRUCE WALKER

Tight Ends / Assistant Offensive Line
7th Year at Mizzou
Alma Mater: Central Washington ('83)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2001-Present	Tight Ends/Asst. Offensive Line, Missouri
1996-2000	Tight Ends/Asst. Offensive Line, Toledo
1994-1995	Offensive Coordinator, Central Washington
1990-1995	Offensive Line, Central Washington
1988-1989	Defensive Line, Central Washington

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Yakima Valley College (1978-79), Central Washington (1980-81)

RECRUITING AREAS

Dallas, Eastern Texas

Bruce Walker has been the tight ends and assistant offensive line coach since the 1996 season under Gary Pinkel. In his six previous seasons at Mizzou, Walker has coached several outstanding tight ends, a vital position for the MU offense.

The past two seasons, Walker has had the luxury of working with arguably the best pair of tight ends in the nation, Martin Rucker and Chase Coffman. Each player won 1st-Team All-Big 12 honors in 2006 (Rucker from coaches, Coffman from the media), and Coffman was a semi-finalist for the John Mackey Award. The duo combined to catch 111 passes for 1,149 yards and 14 touchdowns in 2006, while Rucker became MU's career leader in catches for tight ends, and Coffman posted the best statistical season ever by a Tiger tight end.

In 2005, Rucker earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors. After leading MU with 47 catches for 567 yards and 1 TD, his catches ranked 1st among Big 12 tight ends in 2005, and 2nd-most in MU single-season history for the position. Coffman, despite being a true freshman, was nothing but impressive from day one in fall camp, as he tied Rucker with 47 catches for 503 yards and 4 TDs. Those numbers ranked at the time as the 3rd-best single-season performance in MU tight end history, and earned the rookie a spot on the Rivals.com Freshman All-American 1st-Team.

In 2004, the tight ends were instrumental in MU's passing attack, with the primary weapons being senior Victor Sesay and Rucker. The duo combined for 50 catches, 577 yards and 6 touchdowns on the season. Rucker earned 2nd-Team Freshman All-American honors for his standout rookie year that saw him grab 19 balls for 263 yards and 4 TDs, the latter of which was the 2nd-best total on the squad. Sesay signed a free agent contract following the 2005 NFL Draft with the Miami Dolphins.

In 2001, Missouri tight ends combined for 50 receptions, 484 yards and eight touchdowns. Dwayne Blakley was tabbed honorable mention All-Big 12 after pulling in 34 receptions for 362 yards and four touchdowns. He went on to sign a free agent contract with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, and currently plays with the Atlanta Falcons.

Walker has successfully recruited some of the best high school players out of the state of Texas while at Mizzou. Walker signed highly-regarded tailback/defensive back prospect Alex Woodley in 2003 of Mesquite, adding to his successful recruitment of all-state defensive end Brian Smith (Denton) in 2002 and all-state wide receiver Thomson Omboga (Grand Prairie) in 2001. Other Texas high school standouts to sign with Walker include standouts Marcus King (Irving) and Calvin Washington (Lancaster).

While at Toledo, Walker coached two of the best tight ends to ever wear a Rockets' uniform. From 1998 to 2000, Walker coached All-MAC tight end Mike Bilik, who finished his career with 75 receptions. He also coached Lyle Green, who was voted the team's most valuable receiver in 1999 and a co-captain in 2000. Green was the third overall pick in the 2001 CFL Draft. During the 2000 season, the Rocket tight ends combined for 59 catches and six touchdowns.

Walker came to Toledo after spending eight years at Central Washington, where he served as offensive coordinator. He was also CWU's offensive line coach for six seasons.

In 1993, behind Walker's offensive line, the Central Washington led all NAIA schools in total offense, averaging 517 yards per game. CWU also ranked first in the NAIA in rushing, averaging 198.5 yards per game. In 1995, the Wildcats earned a share of the NAIA national title, tying Findlay (OH) in the title game.

The quarterback of that team, Jon Kitna, finished his career with 12,907 yards in total offense and 12,353 passing yards, the best and second-best, respectively, in NAIA Division II history.

Walker graduated from Eastmont High School in East Wenatchee, Wash., where he earned All-Mid Valley League honors at linebacker and center. He played two seasons at Yakima Valley College before Central Washington.

A 1983 graduate of CWU, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, Walker was a two-year starter for the Wildcats at center. He earned a Master of Science degree in physical education in 1989.

Walker and wife, Sharryn, are the parents of Natalie and Maggie.

WALKER'S ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

Dwayne Blakley, TE	Hon. Men. (2001)
J.D. McCoy, TE	Hon. Men. (2003)
Martin Rucker, TE	2nd-Team Freshman All-American (2004) Hon. Men. (2005), 1st-Team (2006)
Chase Coffman, TE	1st-Team Freshman All-American (2005) 1st-Team (2006)

DAVID YOST

Quarterbacks / Recruiting Coordinator
7th Year at Mizzou

Alma Mater: Kent State ('92)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2001-Present	Recruiting Coord./Quarterbacks, Missouri
1997-2000	Recruiting Coord./Quarterbacks, Toledo
1996	Graduate Assistant, Toledo
1995	Offensive Coordinator, Tiffin
1994	Wide Receivers, Tiffin

David Yost arrived in Columbia, Mo. on the same day head coach Gary Pinkel did. As Pinkel's recruiting coordinator since 1997, Yost also serves as the Tigers' quarterbacks coach.

Yost has established himself as one of the best young recruiting coordinators in the country, as evidenced by MU's recent classes. Most of which were ranked among the nation's top 35 according to various outlets, including the 2007 class which ranked 32nd-best, the 2004 class which ranked 27th-best, and the 2003 class which was the 28th-best (Rivals.com).

Perhaps best known for his work with record-setting quarterback Brad Smith, Yost helped guide Smith through four magical seasons that saw him break an eye-popping 69 different Mizzou, Big 12 and NCAA game, season and career records. Under Yost's tutelage, Smith became the greatest run-pass dual threat QB in NCAA Division I-A history, as he is the only athlete to throw for 8,000 yards and rush for 4,000 yards in a career. In 2005 alone, Smith amassed 2,304 yards in the air and 1,301 more on the ground – making him the first player in NCAA D-IA history to reach the 2,000/1,000 mark twice in a career.

With Smith gone to the NFL (he was a 4th-round draft pick in 2006 by the New York Jets), expectations were that Mizzou would take a step back in quarterback play in 2006, but Yost helped develop sophomore Chase Daniel into one of the most prolific passers in school history. As a first-year starter, Daniel earned 2nd-Team All-Big 12 status for a season that saw him shatter numerous records, just a few of which included total offense (3,906), passing yards (3,527) and touchdowns (28). He ended the year ranking 5th in the nation in total offense, averaging 300.5 yards per contest.

The 2002 season saw Yost guide Smith, a redshirt freshman, during a historical season as he became only the second player in NCAA Division I-A history to throw for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in a season.

Smith was at it again in 2003, as he broke his own single-season total offense record, with 3,383 yards. He ended the season with 1,977 passing yards and rushed for 1,406 yards, the latter being the No. 2 single-season rushing mark in MU history.

Also the position coach for placekickers, Yost oversaw the transformation of unheralded walk-on Jeff Wolfert into one of the best Cinderella stories in all of college football. Wolfert, who won the kicking job in fall camp just prior to the 2006 season, had kicked in just one career high school game before coming to MU as a scholarship diver on the mens swim team. Wolfert was an all-conference diver in 2004-05, but spurned his diving scholarship to pursue his dream of kicking. After seeing no action as a walk-on in 2005, Wolfert emerged from the pack in camp and was simply amazing as he connected on an MU record 18 field goals (in 20 attempts). He also kicked a perfect 45-of-45 on extra points to earn himself on the prestigious Lou Groza Award list of semifinalists.

Also the chief coach for Mizzou's placekickers, Yost helped develop walk-ons Brad Hammerich and Mike Matheny into all-conference performers. Hammerich earned 3rd-Team All-Big 12 status in 2001, and Matheny gained honorable mention acclaim the next year.

From 1997 to 2000, Yost held the same responsibilities he does now for Pinkel at Toledo. He spent four seasons coaching two of the most productive quarterbacks in Toledo history, Tavares Bolden and Chris Wallace. Bolden developed into one of the most versatile signal-callers in the MAC.

Prior to Bolden, Yost coached Chris Wallace from 1997-98, one of the top quarterbacks in Toledo history. In just two seasons as the starter, Wallace jumped into the school's all-time top four in four major statistical categories: touchdown passes (44), passes attempted (848), passes completed (454) and passing yardage (5,454).

As recruiting coordinator, Yost is responsible for all aspects of the recruitment of high school student-athletes, from mailings to eligibility tracking to video evaluation. Under his creative direction, Mizzou's 2003 Football Recruiting and Media Guide was named "Best in the Nation" by the College Sports Information Directors of America (Co-SIDA).

Yost came to Toledo from Tiffin University, where he coordinated the offense along with coaching quarterbacks and receivers in 1995. During the 1994 season he coached wide receivers.

A native of Carrollton, Ohio, Yost spent time coaching his former high school team after graduating from Kent State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in early childhood education in 1992. He has done graduate work in educational psychology. He married Carrie Crossett, a soccer student-athlete while at Mizzou (and sister of current MU kicker Adam Crossett) in June of 2005, and the couple had their first child, daughter Kennedy Caroline, last December.

YOST'S ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

Brad Hammerich, PK	3rd Team (2001)
Brad Smith, QB	Hon. Men. (2002, 2004, 2005), 3rd Team (2003)
Brad Smith, All Purpose	Hon. Men. (2002, 2003), 1st Team (2005)
Mike Matheny, PK	Hon. Men. (2002)
Chase Daniel, QB	2nd Team (2006)
Jeff Wolfert, PK	Hon. Men. (2006)

BARRY ODOM

Director of Football Operations
5th Year at Mizzou

Alma Mater: Missouri ('99)

In his fifth year on staff at Mizzou is former Tiger standout linebacker Barry Odom. Odom made the jump to collegiate coaching in 2002 after spending three seasons at the high school level, including a two-year stint as head coach at Columbia's Rock Bridge High School.

The 2006 season was Odom's first as Director of Football Operations, after handling the duties of Director of Football Recruiting for the previous two seasons. In this role, Odom oversees the coordination of the team's travel plans, oversight of the football budget, handling compliance issues, scheduling of facilities, assisting with recruiting operations and managing the day-to-day overall operations for the football program.

Odom also coordinates all public relations activities and community service events that require the presence of football student-athletes, and oversaw all organizational aspects from a football perspective related to Mizzou's 2006 Sun Bowl appearance. He also served a key role as part of the design and planning team that worked to bring MU's $16 million expansion and renovation project of the football office complex to a close this February.

Odom, a native of Maysville, Okla. who graduated from Ada High School, was a four-year letterman at linebacker for Mizzou from 1996-99. He was a key player on MU squads that went to bowl games in 1997 and 1998, and he ended his career ranked 5th on the school's career tackles list, with 362 stops.

Odom graduated from MU in December of 1999. He also served as a development intern for the Tiger Scholarship Fund, assisting with various fund raising projects for Tiger Athletics, and earned his Master's in education from MU. He returned to his home state of Oklahoma in July 2000 to serve as an assistant coach for Ada High School, which finished that season as runners-up for a state championship.

Odom returned to Columbia in 2001 as head coach of Rock Bridge High School, and he quickly built the Bruins into a power, as they went 6-4 and won a conference championship that fall. He followed with an 8-4 campaign in 2002 that saw Rock Bridge reach the semifinals of the state championship playoffs. Two of his star pupils from that team – quarterback Chase Patton and linebacker/running back Van Alexander – will be juniors in the Tiger program this season.

Born Nov. 26, 1976 in Lawton, Okla., Odom and his wife, Tritia, were married in July of 2000. Tritia is a native of Kahoka, Mo., and is a graduate of MU's College of Human Environmental Sciences. The couple has two sons, James Trump and Garyt Robert.

NICK OTTERBACHER

Director of Football Recruiting
4th Year at Mizzou

Alma Mater: Toledo, '02

Nick Otterbachern is in his fourth year as part of the Tiger coaching staff – and the first with his new title of Director of Football Recruiting. He assumed new duties after serving as an offensive graduate assistant coach for the 2006 season, when he helped coach a Tiger offense that broke numerous school records and ranked eighth in the nation in total offense (425.62 yards per game).

In his new role, Otterbacher oversees organizational efforts of virtually all aspects of MU's extensive recruiting program operations, such as coordinating on-and-off campus visits, mailings and other logistical arrangements.

Otterbacher served as offensive graduate assistant coach for the 2005 and 2006 seasons, after serving on staff as an administrative graduate assistant in 2004.

A native of Orchard Lake, Mich., Otterbacher was a four-year starter at center for the University of Toledo, where he played under Tiger Head Coach Gary Pinkel through the 2000 season. In his four-year playing career, Otterbacher was part of Toledo teams that went a combined 34-13 from 1998-2001, and won or shared three Mid-American Athletic Conference championships and played in the Motor City Bowl in 2001.

After graduating from Toledo with a degree in business management in May of 2002, Otterbacher got his start in coaching at Duquesne University as the tight ends and assistant offensive line coach for the 2002 season which saw Duquesne post an 11-1 record and claim the Metro Atlantic Conference championship.

He then went to West Virginia Tech as an assistant coach, and was the offensive line coach, run game coordinator and Recruiting Coordinator for the 2003 season, prior to joining the Mizzou staff in July of 2004.

He and his wife, Jessica, had their first child, Reagan, in 2005.

DAN HOPKINS

Administrative Graduate Assistant
1st Year at Mizzou

Alma Mater: Missouri, '04

Making a return to his alma mater as a first-year graduate assistant coach is Harrisonville, Mo., native Dan Hopkins.

In this role, Hopkins will assist the Tiger coaching staff with various recruiting administrative duties throughout the year, and lend a hand with scouting and game preparation efforts during the season.

A 2004 graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism, Hopkins served as a student assistant coach for the Mizzou Football team for the 2003 and 2004 seasons. Following graduation, he served as quarterbacks and wide receivers coach at William Jewell College for two seasons, before moving to Central Missouri State University, where he was the defensive graduate assistant coach for the 2006 season.

Hopkins is currently pursuing his Master's degree in education psychology at Mizzou.

KENT McCULLOUGH

Defensive Graduate Assistant
3rd Year at Mizzou

Alma Mater: Miami, Ohio, '00

Serving on the Mizzou coaching staff for his third season as a defensive graduate assistant coach is Kent McCullough. A former standout punter for Miami University (Ohio), McCullough joined the staff in June 2005.

He is responsible for the offensive scout team, along with film breakdown and scouting reports for each of the Tigers' opponents.

McCullough was an All-Midwest Athletic Conference (MAC) performer as a punter for Miami, and earned freshman All-American honors in 1997. He was named his team's special teams player of the year in both 1999 and 2000, as he handled kickoffs and held for placekicks, in addition to punting duties. The four-year letterwinner was part of a Miami team that went 10-1 in 1998, and his career average of 40.7 yards per punt ranked third on the school charts at the time of his departure. At one time he held stadium records for longest punts at Marshall (74 yards) and at Cincinnati (72).

Following his collegiate days, McCullough was signed as a free agent with the Cincinnati Bengals of the NFL in 2001. After being cut by the Bengals, he landed with the Detroit Lions and saw action in two pre-season games that fall, before landing numerous other workouts with league teams.

After his professional career ended, McCullough became a physical education teacher and varsity football assistant coach for Troy City Schools, in Dayton, Ohio, where he has been for the past four years.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., McCullough was a three-sport standout in football, baseball and wrestling for West Allegheny High School, where he earned all-conference honors as a kicker during his junior and senior seasons. McCullough is currently pursuing a Master's degree at Mizzou.

MATT RAHL

Offensive Graduate Assistant
1st Year at Mizzou

Alma Mater: Missouri Southern, '03

In his first year as part of the University of Missouri football coaching staff is Union, Mo., native Matt Rahl. Rahl takes over as the team's offensive graduate assistant coach after spending the last four years coaching at Winona State University in Minnesota.

Rahl will assist the Tiger offensive coaching staff with scouting, game planning and preparation, in addition to various practice and game-day responsibilities.

A 2003 graduate of Missouri Southern, Rahl played tight end for the Lions from 1999-2001 and earned his undergraduate degree in physical education in 2003. He served as a student assistant coach during the 2002 season after suffering a season-ending knee injury. After graduation, Rahl joined the coaching staff at Winona State, where he served as a graduate assistant coach for tight ends for the 2003 and 2004 seasons, and then as the offensive line and special teams coordinator in 2005 and 2006.

Rahl earned his Master's degree in educational leadership from Winona State in 2005. Rahl's wife, Carrie, is a native of Amsterdam, Mo., and also a graduate of Missouri Southern.

PAT IVEY

Asst. AD for Athletic Performance
9th Season at MU

Alma Mater: Missouri, '96

This past February, Pat Ivey was named the Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Performance for the University of Missouri after serving the previous three years as the Director of Strength and Conditioning. He is now responsible for the entire football player development program, overseeing the development of Missouri's remaining varsity sports, as well as sports nutrition.

Upon his arrival, Ivey went right to work to further establish and sustain an already successful program. With the goals of helping each individual athlete achieve their very best and ultimately assisting every team to win conference championships in mind, Ivey shares the vision of MU Athletic Director Mike Alden to help the University of Missouri attain the United States Sports Academy Director's Cup. The Director's Cup is awarded annually to a school based on the achievements of the entire athletic department.

Prior to his arrival at Missouri, Ivey was the Director of Strength and Conditioning at The University of Tulsa from 2002-2004, where he directed the efforts of all 18 sports programs.

Ivey spent time as an Assistant Director, Graduate Assistant and defensive end at the University of Missouri over the course of nine years. As the Assistant Director of Strength and Conditioning from 2001-2002, Ivey assisted every aspect of Tiger football player development.

Ivey lettered as a defensive end at Missouri from 1993-95. In 1995, he was the strongest athlete in the history of Missouri. Ivey was signed by the San Diego Chargers and spent two seasons on their roster. Ivey then worked as a Graduate Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach at the University of Missouri, while splitting time with both the Denver Broncos and the Green Bay Packers. While serving as a graduate assistant, Ivey worked with several sports including football, track and field, wrestling and baseball.

Ivey received his undergraduate degree in 1996 in Hotel and Restaurant Management with an emphasis in nutrition, and completed his master's in health education in 2000. Ivey holds certifications from the National Strength and Conditioning Association, the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association and United States Weightlifting. Ivey is married to the former Starla Green from Hannibal, Missouri and they have two daughters, Paisli and Serena.

REX SHARP

Director of Sports Medicine
12th Season at MU

Alma Mater: Ball State, '79

Rex Sharp became Mizzou's head athletic trainer in 1996, following Fred Wappel, who spent 41 years tending to Tigers' injury needs on his way to a spot in the MU Athletics Hall of Fame.

Now Sharp is carving his own place in Missouri history directing the operation of the Dr. Glenn. L. McElroy, M.D. Sports Medicine Center – MU's primary treatment and rehabilitation facility. In his role as director, Sharp supervises a staff of five assistants and seven certified graduate assistant athletic trainers.

The native of New Albany, Ind., spent 11 years on the staff at Ball State where he had primary athletic health care responsibilities for the football team, and coordinated the sports medicine efforts for BSU's 20-sport program. He supervised a staff of two fulltime assistants, a physical therapist and a number of graduate assistants and student trainers.

In addition to his duties as Director of Sports Medicine, Sharp is one of only 10 collegiate certified athletic trainers in the nation currently serving on the College and University Athletic Trainers' Committee. In the spring of 2002, Sharp was selected as Chairman of the Big 12 Conference Medical Aspects of Sport Committee. Following the 2000 academic year, the Big 12 Conference recognized Sharp and his staff as the athletic health care "Staff of the Year."

A 1979 magna cum laude graduate of Ball State, Sharp was the 1978 recipient of the Robert H. Gunn Scholarship, presented to the nation's outstanding student athletic trainer by the National Athletic Trainers' Association. He also was awarded the NATA post-graduate scholarship from the NFL in 1979. He earned a Master of Science degree in biology (exercise physiology) in 1983 from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich.

Sharp taught high school biology in New Albany from 1979-81, and was a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Michigan Tech from 1981-83. He was the head athletic trainer at Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State) from 1983-85.

Born April 29, 1957, Sharp and his wife Eileen have a daughter, Audrey, and twin sons, Adam and Jered. In the summer of 2005, he was inducted into the Ball State University Athletic Training Hall of Fame.

DON BARNES

Director of Equipment Operations
8th Season at MU

Don Barnes enters his eighth season as Director of Equipment Operations at the University of Missouri. Barnes arrived in Columbia after spending three years at Drake University in the same capacity.

Barnes' responsibilities include purchasing, repairing, transporting, maintaining, laundering and supervising equipment operations of the entire athletic department. Barnes also has the job of overseeing the day-to-day operations of the University's $2.9 million umbrella contract with Nike, and ensuring that each team's needs are being met.

On football gameday, the equipment staff outfits more than 200 people on the field, on the sidelines and in the press-box. Not only do they watch that these people wear the right colors and looks, but they need to make sure that the Nike Logo is visible and that everyone is in compliance with NCAA, Nike and Mizzou regulations.

Barnes joined the Drake staff in 1997 after serving as equipment manager at Wisconsin-River Falls from 1995-97, where he attended school. In 2001, he received the National Service Award for his work on the Association's website – www.aema1.com, which he ran for 10 years. A certified equipment manager, Barnes is one of the six authors of the AEMA certification manual, which serves as the basis for the AEMA certification exam. Barnes serves on the Gearboss Advisory Board, the Powers Athletic Advisory Board and is a founding member of the Big 12 equipment managers association.

Barnes has also worked during the summers for the Kansas City Chiefs, New Orleans Saints and Minnesota Vikings of the NFL.

Barnes and his wife of 14 years, Sherri (Vescio) are the proud parents of four wonderful children; daughter Bailey (11), son Nicholas (8), daughter Olivia (5) and daughter Isabella (2). In the off season Barnes tries to spend every waking moment with his family and enjoys watching his children grow up.

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

Dr. Mark Adams	Asst. Team Physician
Adam Borts	Asst., Equipment Operations
Keith Caton	Asst., Strength & Conditioning
Vonda Cordes	Admin. Asst. for Asst. Coaches
Marty Finn	Director of Ticket Operations
Antwan Floyd	Asst., Strength & Conditioning
Andrew Grinch	Director of Marketing & Promotions
Casey Hairston	Asst. Athletic Trainer
Ann Hatcher	Exec. Asst. to Gary Pinkel
Jana Heitmeyer	Director of Sports Nutrition
Matt Inskeep	Asst., Equipment Operations
Dr. Jim Kinderknecht	Team Physician
Bryan Mann	Asst., Strength & Conditioning
Kim Martin	Director of Life Skills
Chad Moller	Director of Media Relations
Josh Murray	Asst., Media Relations
Mike Schumacher	Director of Video Services
Joe Scogin	Academic Coordinator
Dr. Pat Smith	Team Physician
Josh Stoner	Director of Strength & Conditioning
Carol Weis	Recruiting Asst.

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

The University of Missouri has provided teaching, research and service to the people of Missouri since it was founded in 1839. The first publicly supported institution of higher education established in the Louisiana Territory, the University of Missouri was shaped in accordance with the ideals of Thomas Jefferson, an early proponent of public higher education.

Founded in Columbia, the University had one campus until 1870, when a school of mines and metallurgy was established in Rolla. In the same year an agricultural college was added in Columbia as the University assumed land-grant responsibilities.

In 1963 the University again expanded to better serve Missouri. In that year the University of Kansas City, which had been a private institution, was acquired by the University and a new campus was created in St. Louis, creating the present four campus system.

Today, the University of Missouri is one of the nation's largest higher education institutions, with more than 62,000 students on four campuses and an Extension program with activities in every county of the state. The mission of the University, as a land-grant university and Missouri's only public research and doctoral-level institution, is to discover, disseminate, preserve and apply knowledge.

A nine-member Board of Curators governs the University. Curators are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Missouri Senate. The Board selects the president of the University. Each campus is headed by a chancellor, who reports to the president.

Dr. Gordon H. Lamb
Interim System President

BOARD OF CURATORS

The University of Missouri, which refers to the institution, in all of its parts, persons, property and relationships wherever situated, owned, operated, controlled, managed or otherwise regulated, is under the supervision or direction of The Board of Curators of the University of Missouri.

The Board of Curators, the governing body of the University of Missouri, consists of nine members, who are appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate; provided, that not more than one person shall be appointed from the same congressional district, and no person shall be appointed a curator who shall not be a citizen of the United States, and who shall not have been a resident of the state of Missouri two years next prior to his appointment. Not more than five curators shall belong to any one political party.

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CHANCELLOR BRADY J. DEATON

Chancellor Brady J. Deaton became the 21st chief executive officer of the University of Missouri-Columbia on October 4, 2004. With 15 years of service to MU and 33 years of experience in public higher education, Dr. Deaton brings an international perspective, a record of national leadership, and a strong devotion to Mizzou to his position.

Dr. Deaton began his journey in higher education as a student at the University of Kentucky, where he graduated with a degree in agricultural economics in 1966. Growing up as the second of nine children in a hard-working Kentucky farm family and furthered by his participation in 4-H, he developed a love of the land and a desire to study agriculture. His dedication deepened during a two-year tour as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nan, Thailand from 1962-1964, where he taught vocational agriculture in the Thai language.

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Dr. Deaton pursued a master of arts in diplomacy and international commerce at the University of Kentucky, graduating in 1968. He went on to the University of Wisconsin where he earned a master of science in 1970 and a doctorate in 1972 in agricultural economics.

Moving from the student to the faculty ranks, Dr. Deaton spent the next six years as an assistant and associate professor of agricultural economics and rural sociology at the University of Tennessee. During this time, he was appointed as staff director of the Special Task Force on Food for Peace for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. In 1978, Dr. Deaton took a professorship at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in the Department of Agricultural Economics, where he also served as coordinator of the rural development research and extension program.

Dr. Deaton spent 12 years at Virginia Tech, the last four as associate director of the Office for International Development. In March of 1989, he joined the University of Missouri-Columbia as professor and chair in the Agricultural Economics Department and as Social Science Unit leader. He transitioned from faculty to administration in December 1993, when he was appointed chief of staff in the Office of the Chancellor. He became deputy chancellor in 1997.

In January 1998, Dr. Deaton was appointed interim provost and was named to the permanent position in October of that year. His duties expanded in 2001 when he also became the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs. A strong proponent of the University's role on the global stage, Dr. Deaton was instrumental as the sponsor of the Big 12 Provosts' delegation to the European Union.

Dr. Deaton holds leadership roles in many university, community and national organizations. He served as chair of the Academic Affairs Council of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), participates in advisory roles with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and maintains active membership in the American and International Agricultural Economics Associations. He has authored over 100 articles, presentations and book chapters in his career in addition to co-authoring three books.

For his contributions to the University, Dr. Deaton has been the recipient of many honors. He has been awarded the Outstanding Commitment to Multiculturalism and Diversity certificate by the Association of Black Graduate and Professional Students, honored as an invited lecturer at the Japan International Agricultural Council and recognized by Gamma Sigma Delta with an Award of Merit for Outstanding Administrator. Most recently, he received the Malone Award from NASULGC for furthering international education in public higher education.

Chancellor Deaton and his wife, Dr. Anne Deaton, are the parents of four grown children, Tony, Brady Jr., Christina and David, and are the grandparents of Liam, Anna Sophia and William Brady.

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS MIKE ALDEN

Leading Missouri through the evolving world of intercollegiate athletics is Director of Athletics, Mike Alden. Entering his 10th year as chief executive for Mizzou, Alden has taken a lead-by-example approach to his core principles of academic integrity, social responsibility and competitive excellence, and has guided Missouri's 20-sport program to a very successful all-around performance.

Entering his 23rd year as an athletics administrator, Alden has grown from being a special assistant to the director of athletics at Arizona State University in 1985, to earning his first director of athletics role at Southwest Texas in 1996. Alden took over the Tiger program on July 16, 1998, and has led a department renaissance that has included facility upgrades for nearly every program, a tripling of the department's annual operating budget, record-setting and Big 12 Conference-leading academic success and across-the-board athletics achievement in Columbia.

Highly-regarded among his peers, Alden's success at Missouri has earned him national notoriety amongst the NCAA hierarchy. A member of numerous NCAA committees, Alden has helped to drive policy that has not only shaped the current landscape of intercollegiate athletics, but has paved the way for the future growth of college sports as a whole.

» Alden's NCAA and Community Committees

- » NCAA Management Council
- » Division I Athletics Directors Board of Directors
- » National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Executive Committee
- » NCAA Oversight and Management Group
- » Faculty Member on the Division I Athletics Directors Institute
- » United Way Board of Directors Member
- » Commerce Bank Board of Directors
- » Former Chair of the Football Bowl Licensing Committee

The academic and athletics success for Mizzou has reached unprecedented levels under Alden. The fourth-longest tenured AD in school history, Missouri has routinely led the Big 12 Conference in graduation and Academic Progress Rates, while the overall health of MU's athletics programs are at an all-time high.

» Missouri Athletics and Academic Success Under Alden

- » Mizzou has ranked among the Big 12's elite in graduation rates, leading the conference in both 1999 (66%) and 2002 (72%).
- » Mizzou has led the Big 12 Conference in Academic Progress Rates each of the past two years and led the Big 12 in 9-of-20 sports this past season. Four of Mizzou's sports earned recognition from the NCAA for their APR grades.
- » Mizzou saw 16-of-20 sports qualify for postseason competition during the 2006-07 academic year, highlighted by Mizzou Wrestling's third place finish at the NCAA National Championships.
- » Mizzou has enjoyed 41 Top 25 team finishes at NCAA Championships (an average of 4.5 per year). Prior to Alden's arrival, the most Top 25 finishes for Missouri in a single season was just three.
- » Mizzou hosted a NCAA Regional in both baseball and track for the first time in school history, in 2007.
- » Mizzou coaches Tim Jamieson (Baseball) and Ehren Earleywine (Softball) earned recognition as Coach of the Year in the Big 12 for their respective sports in 2007.
- » Ben Askren won the 174-pound NCAA title in wrestling for the second consecutive year in 2007.
- » Mizzou Football qualified for its third bowl game in four years in 2006, marking the first time the program has accomplished such a feat in nearly 25 years.

Upon his appointment as Director of Athletics in 1998, Missouri faced an uncertain future as it entered the Big 12 Conference era. Competing with an annual budget of just $13.7 million at the time of his arrival, Alden has grown Missouri's operating fortunes to a record $43.9 million and has added state-of-the art facilities and amenities at nearly every venue in the Sports Park at Mizzou. Overall, Alden has helped lead a record $155 million facility resurgence for MU athletics since his arrival just 10 years ago.

» Facility Improvements Under Alden

- » Driving force behind one of the nation's premiere on-campus basketball facilities, the $75 million state-of-the-art Mizzou Arena, which was completed in 2005.
- » Built the $16.0 million Mizzou Athletics Training Complex, which was completed in 2007.
- » Added a $13 million Press Tower at Memorial Stadium.
- » Provided new field turf playing surfaces for Tiger Football at both the Daniel J. Devine Indoor facility and Memorial Stadium.
- » Built a $2.2 million Ralph and Debbie Taylor Stadium at Simmons Field and the $2 million Green Indoor Tennis facility.
- » Built the $11 million Aquatics Center, the new home for MU Swimming and Diving, a facility which along with the new student recreation center, was ranked No. 1 nationally by Sports Illustrated.
- » Led the effort to secure a 20-year partnership with the Old Hawthorne Golf Course to become the official home of Mizzou Men's and Women's Golf.
- » Led facility renovations for Mizzou Wrestling and Volleyball at the Hearnes Center.

Mizzou's athletics and facility success has also spilled over to the MU campus-scene as well. Asked to generate $60 million of a larger $600 million campus-wide campaign, Tiger Athletics has gathered an extraordinary $130 million toward the campaign.

A native of Chicago, Alden attended West Chicago Community High. He and his wife, Roxanne (Rockie), have a son, Jake (12). Alden also has strong family ties to central Missouri, as his mother lives in nearby Williamsburg, while his brother lives in Lamar, and cousins Todd and Mike, and uncle, Jack, all live in Columbia.